

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers



**Bedfordshire Young Ringers win the
Ringing World National Youth Ringing Competition**

Annual Report 2013

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Cover picture – Bedfordshire Young Ringers win the Ringing World National Young Ringers Striking Competition

The photo shows our team with the Whitechapel Trophy – Alice Scott, Clarrie Scott, Samantha Brett, Anne Hoxey, Rebecca Smith, Natalie Brett, Cameron White-Spunner, Lizzie Pawley, team reserve Caroline Pawley and team 'managers' Lyndsey Brett and Linda Garton.

Read Caroline Pawley's report on page 39.

Information on the Association's Website: www.bacr.co.uk

You will find the following up to date information on the Association's website:

- Association and District events – diary and details.
- Association rules.
- Association Bell Restoration Fund information.
- Details of the Association's insurance cover.
- Association officers from 1882.
- Up to date tower contact information.
- Association 6 bell inter-district striking competition for the St Peter's cup – rules and results.
- Association safeguarding guidance and 'permission to ring' form.
- Jim's Jug raise and lower in peal challenge – rules and results.



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Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers

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Striking Contest Organiser: Robert Wood
District Outing Organisers: Adrienne Sharp,
Sarah Ward
RJ Sharp Bell Fund Rep: Andrew Dennison
Ind. Examiner BRF: Richard Hillson
Ind. Examiner District Accounts: Tim Blunt

Biggleswade District

Chairman: Susan Silver
Secretary: Elizabeth Overfield
Treasurer: Peter Overfield
Ringing Master: Christine Williams
Committee: Russell Brown,
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District BRF Treasurer: Kate Scott
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Luton District

Chairman: Peter Phillips
Secretary: Richard Horne
Treasurer: Sarah Green
Ringing Masters: Alan Shepherd,
Robert Churchill
Committee: Elizabeth Churchill,
Barry Eglesfield

Striking Contest Organiser: District Committee
District BRF Treasurer: Simon Stranks
RJ Sharp Bell Fund Rep: Sally Creveul
Ind. Examiner BRF: Susan Silver
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Association Rules

Rules 1, 2, 5, 7 and 15 were amended, or added, at the 2013 AGM, shown in bold.

1. Name and Objects

The Association shall be called 'The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers'. It shall have for its objects:

- The promotion of ringing for divine service.
- The cultivation of scientific change ringing.
- The preservation of proper belfry conduct.
- The encouragement of ringers to take part in the worshipping life of the church.
- **To promote and support the care, maintenance, improvement and restoration of bells within the area of the Association.**

There shall be three districts within the Association, namely the Bedford, Biggleswade and Luton Districts.

2. Membership

Register of Members

A register of members shall be kept. The contents and control of the register shall be responsibility of the General Committee. Personal information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection legislation.

Definition of Criteria for membership

Ringing: Be able to ring rounds competently.

Residency: Either ring for Sunday Service at a tower within the Association boundary or reside within the Association boundary. The Association boundary is defined as those parishes which lie within the geographical county of Bedfordshire including the parish of Eaton Socon in Cambridgeshire.

Definition of membership categories

(a) Ringing Member (Resident)

A Ringing Member (Resident) must satisfy the criteria for ringing and residency.

A Ringing Member (Resident) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member. A Ringing Member (Resident) may be elected prior to a peal attempt, provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member and the election is ratified at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts within three months of the peal attempt.

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life) - **This membership category is closed as from 18 May 2013.**

A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) must satisfy the criteria for ringing and residency.

A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member. A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) may be elected prior to a peal attempt, provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member and the election is ratified at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts within three months of the peal attempt.

(c) Ringing Member (Non-Resident)

A Ringing Member (Resident) who no longer fulfils the criteria for residency may transfer to Ringing Member (Non-Resident) upon application to the Honorary Secretary. A Ringing Member (Non-Resident) who fulfils the criteria for Ringing Member (Resident) must automatically return to Ringing Member (Resident).

(d) Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life)

A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) who no longer fulfils the criteria for residency will automatically transfer to Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life). A Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life) who fulfils the criteria for Ringing Member (Resident, Life) shall automatically return to Ringing Member (Resident, Life).

(e) Honorary Life Member

The Honorary Life Member category is reserved for any person who has given outstanding service to the Association. An Honorary Life Member may only be elected at an Association Annual General Meeting, provided that notice of such nomination shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The nomination must be proposed and seconded by members holding the status of Voting Member.

(f) Associate Member (Ringing)

An Associate Member (Ringing) must fulfil the criteria for ringing and must not fulfil the criteria for residency.

An Associate Member (Ringing) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member.

An Associate Member (Ringing) may also be elected prior to a peal attempt, provided that the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member and they are taking part in the attempt. The election must be ratified at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts within three months of the peal attempt.

(g) Associate Member (Non-Ringing)

An Associate Member (Non-Ringing) must not fulfil the criteria for ringing. The criterion for residency does not apply. An Associate Member (Non-Ringing) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts, provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member.

General

In order for a member to change between Ringing Member, Associate Member or Honorary Life Member an election must take place.

It is the responsibility of members to notify the appropriate Association officer of any alteration to their entry in the Register of Members.

3. Election and Voting

Only Ringing Members (Resident), Ringing Members (Resident, Life) and Honorary Life Members shall have power of voting on matters connected with the Association or one of its Districts. Such members shall be referred to as Voting Members.

A Voting Member is entitled to speak and vote at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts.

Only Voting Members shall be eligible for election to any official position (as defined in Rule 4 and Rule 6).

Voting will take place by show of hands or secret ballot as directed by the chairman of the meeting.

Voting on the following Association matters shall be approved by an absolute majority: rule changes, finance, charitable status, election to Association office, membership and other items at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting (Association or District). All other proposals shall be approved by a working majority.

An 'Absolute Majority' is defined as a majority of all Voting Members who are present and eligible to vote at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts.

A 'Working Majority' is defined as a majority of those Voting Members who are present, eligible and cast a vote at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts.

4. Management

The management of the Association shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Librarian, an Honorary Peal Secretary, the Central Council Representatives, the three District Secretaries, two members of each District Committee and those Honorary Life Members elected. The President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Librarian, Honorary Peal Secretary and Honorary Life Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and serve for one year. The number of Central Council Representatives permitted by the Central Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and serve for three years. The General Committee may appoint specialists, as required, to carry out certain roles, for example Technical Advisor, Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Web Master. In their roles, specialists will not be members of the General Committee. Any officer or Honorary Life Member shall be eligible for re-election. Each year the General Committee must appoint two of its members to be Bank Trustees. The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt if a position becomes vacant during the year. To form a quorum, there shall be a minimum of six General Committee members. A quorum must have at least one of the following officers: President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Association as a whole, the preparation of the Annual Report and membership records. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of finances of the Association. The Honorary Peal Secretary shall record details of all peals rung by the Association and shall ensure that the rules of the Association and of the Central Council have been observed. The ~~Honorary~~ Technical Adviser shall assist and advise in all matters concerning bells and their fittings at churches within the Association boundary. The **Child Protection Point of Contact** **Safeguarding Co-ordinator** shall be the focal point for all complaints, shall take the complaint seriously and pass it on in accordance with Diocesan guidelines. The Central Council Representatives shall attend meetings of the Council on instructions of the General Committee and represent the declared views of the Association.

6. Districts

Each District shall elect a District Committee, consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and at least four other members, with other officers as they may find necessary. Each Treasurer shall collect the subscriptions of members and other monies payable to the Association's funds. Each District shall report annually on its activities and membership.

7. Subscription

The subscription of each member (who is liable to pay an annual subscription) shall be due on January 1st and shall be paid before the Association Annual General Meeting in each year. Membership shall cease as from 1st January, if the subscription is not paid within the specified time period. The appropriate subscription for a new member shall be payable upon election.

The subscription level for each membership category and its effective date (as defined below) shall be recommended by the General Committee and approved at an Association Annual General Meeting. If the Association Annual General Meeting rejects the recommended subscription levels, the existing subscription levels will then remain in force until such time as the General Committee make further recommendations which are accepted by the Annual General Meeting.

Definition of Subscription Levels for Each Membership Category

(a) Ringing Member (Resident)

There shall be three classes of Ringing Member (Resident):- Under 19, 19 to 64 and 65 and over.

The age requirement shall be determined by the age of the member at the 1st January in each year. Each member shall pay an annual subscription.

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life)

This membership category is closed as from 18 May 2013.

A single payment is required upon election or transfer from Ringing Member (Resident).

(c) Ringing Member (Non-Resident)

A Ringing Member (Resident) who has paid five or more consecutive annual subscriptions may transfer to Ringing Member (Non-Resident) without further payment; otherwise the transfer may be made by payment of a single fee. Such transfers shall be deemed to begin on 1st January after the date of transfer.

(d) Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life)

Such transfers shall be deemed to begin on 1st January after the date of transfer. No payment is required.

(e) Honorary Life Member

Exempt from subscription payments.

(f) Associate Member (Ringing)

Each member shall pay a single payment upon election.

(g) Associate Member (Non-Ringing)

Each member shall pay an annual payment.

A table giving subscription rates for each membership category shall be published in the Annual Report.

8. Peals

All peals rung by the Association shall be recorded in the Annual Report, provided that all those taking part are Ringing Members, Honorary Life Members or Associate Members (Ringing). Full details of the peal including the composition, together with the peal fee shall be given to the Honorary Peal Secretary by the conductor within four weeks or not later than the 14th January in the following year, whichever date is earlier. It is the responsibility of the conductor to ensure compliance with these rules. The peal fee and its effective date shall be set by the General Committee and published in the Annual Report.

9. Annual Report

A report shall be published annually before the Association Annual General Meeting, containing a list of officers, the Association rules, the Committee's reports, statements of accounts, peals rung during the year, other announcements as the General Committee shall find necessary and a list of members.

The list of members shall be compiled as follows:

a) Honorary Life Members, Ringing Members (Resident), Ringing Members (Resident, Life) and Associate Members (Non-Ringing) annually;

b) Ringing Members (Non-Resident) and Ringing Members (Non-Resident, Life) in the year of transfer;

c) Associate Members (Ringing) in the year of election.

Each member listed in the Annual Report shall be entitled to a copy of the Annual Report; others may purchase copies if available. The fee shall be set by the General Committee and published in the Annual Report.

10. Meetings

The time and date of the Association Annual General Meeting together with the District in which it is to be held shall be fixed by the previous Association Annual General Meeting. The General Committee shall have power to arrange other meetings of the Association when required. Each District shall hold an Annual District Meeting in January and monthly meetings when possible.

11. Accounts

The General Committee must:

- Authorise opening and closing all Association bank accounts, and
- Review all bank accounts regularly to make sure that charges and/or interest rates are competitive.

The Honorary Treasurer and Bank Trustees must be signatories and any two of these three must authorise payments and/or withdrawals

An Independent Examiner shall be appointed at the Association Annual General Meeting to examine the accounts of the Association at the end of each financial year.

12. Rule Alteration

All alterations or additions to the Rules shall be made at the Association Annual General Meeting and notice of any alterations or additions shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary in full, at least 14 days previous to such a meeting.

13. Affiliation

The Association shall be affiliated to the Central Council and shall abide by the Rules and Decisions thereof.

14. Interpretation of Rules

The interpretation of these Rules, and matters not covered by them, shall be finally decided by the General Committee.

15. Dissolution of the Association

If the Trustees decide that it is necessary, or advisable, to dissolve the Association, they must present a resolution to a General Meeting called for this purpose. The resolution must be agreed by at least a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. The resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets remaining after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities. The assets must not be distributed to Association members; they shall be given, or transferred to, a charitable institution(s) that have objects similar to all, or some, of the Association's objects, as the Association may agree. If this is not possible, the assets may be given or transferred to some other charitable purpose.

The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund Code of Practice

1. The fund shall be known as the Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund.
2. Objectives. The objective of the fund shall be to advance the Christian Religion by:
 - (a) Providing financial assistance in the form of loans to churches within the territory covered by the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers for the following purposes:-
 - (i) Augmentation, recasting, or any other work on bells, frames and fittings
 - (ii) Major work in ringing rooms, e.g. floors
 - (iii) Work to the fabric of towers, e.g. sound control
 - (iv) Provision of and hanging of new peals.
 - (b) Providing grants to the Association General Committee and the District Committees for the following educational purposes:-
 - (i) Training courses on bell ringing
 - (ii) Educational materials relating to bells and bell ringing
 - (iii) Promotion of bell ringing.
3. Administration. The administrators of the fund shall be known as the 'Fund Committee'. The Fund Committee shall comprise one member from each of the three Districts of the Association, together with the President and the Honorary Secretary of the Association. The Fund Committee shall be empowered to co-opt from the Districts to fill vacancies as necessary. The Fund Committee shall be empowered to approve or reject applications for loans and grants. Applications for loans and grants shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Having received an application for a loan or grant, the Honorary Secretary shall call a meeting of the Fund Committee within twenty one days. The Honorary Treasurer and the Trustees of the Association shall be the trustees of the fund, any two of whom shall be cheque signatories.
4. Income and Investment. The responsibility for fund raising and investment shall be that of the General Committee of the Association. The General Committee of the Association shall have the power to borrow money for the purposes of the Fund.
5. Applications. Applications for a loan shall include all relevant details as follows: - An estimate of the proposed work, a specification of the proposed work and details of the financing scheme. Duration of the loan shall be twelve months. An extension of the loan may be applied for. Interest rates on loans shall be decided by the General Committee. A 'Form of Agreement' shall accompany all loans. No loan shall be for less than £250 or such a sum as shall be decided by the General Committee. Applications for a grant shall include a brief description of the proposal, estimated expenditure and financing available. A grant shall only be paid to defray actual expenses and proof of expenditure must be supplied.
6. Reports and accounts. The General Treasurer shall prepare accounts for the fund each year ending 31st December. The accounts shall be included within the body of the Association accounts. A report of the activities of the fund shall be presented to the Association AGM by the Fund Committee.

7. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the fund the accrued assets of the fund shall be paid into the General Fund of the Association.
8. Provision for changes to the code of practice. No amendment of; addition to; or deletion from this code of practice shall be made which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law. Propositions for changes shall be made at the Association's AGM.

Decisions of the General Committee

20th May 2000: Rule 5. The interest rate for loans is nil for the first twelve months. Should the loan period be extended, interest will be charged at the rate that would have applied had the loan not been made.

Subscription rates and other charges 2014		
Membership Category	Rate	Details
Associate Ringing	£5.00	Payable on election
Associate Non-ringing	£2.50	Payable on election
Resident Ringing – under 19s	£2.50	Payable on election
Resident Ringing – 19 and over	£10.00	Payable on election. A £5 contribution is made to the Association Bell Restoration Fund
Transfer between categories		
From Resident Ringing to Non-resident Ringing Life	£10.00 (final payment)	Only after paying up to four consecutive annual subscriptions
From Resident Ringing to Non-resident Ringing Life	£0	Only after paying five or more consecutive annual subscriptions
From Non-resident Ringing to Resident Ringing	£10	Payable on 1st January the following year
From Non-resident Ringing Life to Resident Ringing Life	£0	
Other fees and charges		
Peal Fee	£0.50	Per ringer per peal
Annual report	£5.00	Charge for non-members
Badge	£2.00	Available from District Secretaries

BEDFORD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

‘HEADSTOCK’

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Association Officer Reports

President's Report

2013 was another busy year for the Association. It started with the usual round of Annual District Meetings, soon followed by the General Committee Meeting. Each District has held full programmes, including monthly meetings, outings, training sessions, quarter-peal days and various social events. The Association AGM was held in May hosted by the Bedford District at Kempston. Here, the proposal to set up an Association Bell Restoration Fund was carried. 50% of the increased (from 2014) Membership Subscription will be used to increase the fund.

2013 was also a very successful year for the Association as was witnessed on the 6th July in York when the young ringers representing the Association were declared the winners of the Ringing World National Youth Contest. The Bedfordshire Team were, Alice and Clarrie Scott (Biggleswade), Natalie and Samantha Brett, Lizzie Pawley, Anne Hoxley, Becky Smith (Linslade) and Cameron White-Spunner (Houghton Regis) under the expert guidance of Linda Garton and Lyndsey Brett. It was a fantastic 'team' effort and I am still not sure if it was the participants or the supporters who were more excited when the result was announced. A wonderful effort! We will be entering a team in the 2014 competition at Old St Martin's Worcester on the 5th July, when, as defending champions, we will be hoping to retain the trophy.

Earlier in the year (June) a slightly older band represented the Association in the Ridgman Trophy Competition at Surfleet. They were, of course, defending the trophy that they had won the previous year and defend it they did in spite of the considerable outside distractions. As they 'pulled off' for their practice piece the Red Arrows roared across at what seemed like only a few feet clearance of the top of the spire and then during their test piece there was a horrendous thunderstorm!

The Association Striking Contests took place in September hosted by the Luton District on the recently refurbished and tuned bells at Flitwick. Unfortunately only two districts were able to raise bands to enter the Young Ringers Competition for the Melville Cup. This was won by Luton District with an excellent exhibition of rounds ringing. The St Peter's Cup was a very closely fought contest with the winners being Biggleswade. Congratulations go to both of these teams and thanks go to the Flitwick ringers for the excellent tea.

In September an outing was arranged for the young ringers to visit the Worcester Cathedral Training Centre. Here they also saw the Cathedral Ringing Chamber and bells as well as enjoying the view from the top of the tower. They also rang at four other towers during the day.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has suggested, arranged, assisted and supported Association events and activities this year, and I look forward to 2014 being an equally active and successful year.

Sue Silver, President

Treasurer's Report

Our income this year has increased by £246. This is mainly due to the increase in subs, £187, also the cost of printing the annual report this year is £51 less and advertising revenue is up by £30. Peal fees are down by £33 and Gift Aid received down by £17.

The Association's Bell Restoration Fund was started this year. We have had donations from: The Kempston Ringers £30, Rambling Ringers £90, Mike Matthews

£50 and Sue Silver £44. Interest from the General Account was added as was the monies received from Gift Aid. The balance stands at £432. Next year we shall be able to add 50% of the subscriptions and watch the balance steadily grow! Would any income tax paying members please sign a Gift Aid form – please see Chris Williams.

Barbara Fraser, Honorary Treasurer

Peal Secretary's Report

Thirty-three peals were rung in 2013; they were rung in nineteen towers, six of which are outside the Association boundary. Eighty ringers took part seventeen sharing the conducting. The number of peals is down on last year and was the lowest for several years, only 2006 having fewer this century. As might be expected the number of people taking part was slightly down.

No members rang their first peal this year but our congratulations should also go to those who extended their abilities by ringing on higher numbers of bells or in more complex methods.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Coronation was marked by peals at Biggleswade and Henlow. The Biggleswade peal was notable in that Alan Smith rang the same bell as he had previously rung for the Coronation in 1953, whilst that at Henlow replicated one rung on the same date in 1953.

A noticeable trend over the last couple of years has been the introduction of less usual methods into peals of Spliced Major and multi-method Minor peals. Perhaps this indicates a more adventurous approach; it will be interesting to see what 2014 has to offer.

Several peals were rung in memory of former members, friends and stalwarts of their local Churches. Significant among these were peals remembering Shelagh Melville and Anne Izzard, both of whom served the Association splendidly during their lifetime. Although no peals were rung in his memory in 2013, we must record the contribution to this Association by Robert Wood who died suddenly on New Year's Eve. It can be seen, from the analyses that he was among the backbone of peal ringing in the Association over an extended period.

Anthony Smith, Honorary Peal Secretary

Points from the peals and details of peals rung for the Association in 2013 are on pages 51 to 54.

Librarian's Report

2013 was again, slightly busier than many previous years. The bound Annual Reports were out on loan for most of the year but have now been returned.

As a result of a query from Richard Entwistle regarding peals rung at St Peter de Merton, I took the opportunity to evaluate the DVD's of Bell News and The Ringing World acquired last year. All the peals within the period covered by the DVD's were found. There were a few issues with the search facility not finding the occasional word despite it being quite readable, however these were not insurmountable. These DVD's have proved themselves a useful addition to the library.

There was only one accession to the library this year. This was a document summarising the methods rung at Bedford St Paul during the period 1971 to 1977. This was kindly supplied by Martyn Marriott and is a fascinating insight into the

ringing at St Paul's during its heyday. I continue to be grateful to Dunstable Church authorities for providing a home for the library and Alan Shepherd for acting as custodian.

I am also indebted to Bob Churchill and Maureen Hall for their continued donations of The Ringing World and Headstock respectively.

Patrick Albion, Honorary Librarian

Technical Advisor's Report

Two visits were carried out this year. Both were carried out following requests by the church architects that the bells should be inspected by someone with knowledge of bells.

Meppershall. The bells and fittings were found to be in good order with the exception of the rope rollers. The rollers on bells 1 to 4 are made of nylon and are becoming grooved, some more than others, one on bell 2 in particular is badly grooved. Bells 5 and 6 are fitted with wooden rollers and rattle on their pins. There is one wooden floor roller on bell 3 which has seized in the roller box. It was recommended that when funds permit the rollers on bells 1 to 4 should be replaced using the existing boxes and that those on bells 5 and 6 and the floor roller should be replaced with new boxes and rollers.

Aspley Guise. The bells and fittings were generally found to be in good order. With the exception of the treble and 4th bells, the bushes on the clappers were showing signs of wear particularly on the tenor. The slider on the tenor was tight. There was a screw missing in one of the wheel stays on the 4th.

Roger Kendrick, Technical Advisor

Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund Committee Report

As no loan or grant applications were made during 2013, the Committee did not need to meet.

Teresa Brown, Honorary Secretary

Association Bell Restoration Fund Report

After several years in the planning, a proposal to set up an Association Bell Restoration Fund (BRF) and its rules was carried by an absolute majority at the AGM on 18 May 2013. We also agreed a new 'Object' of the Association – 'To promote and support the care, maintenance, improvement and restoration of bells within the area of the Association'. This was agreed by the Charity Commissioners.

The rules and 'Frequently Asked Questions' are now on the Association website.

Resident Ringing members will contribute directly to the Fund because 50% of the annual subscription (increased to £10/year from 2014) will go into the BRF.

As at 31 December 2013 the BRF stands at £432.24 and has received several donations, the tax recovered on gift aid from HMRC and the 2013 peal fees. The details are shown in the Lloyds Bank 3 month bond accounts shown on page 15.

I would like to thank members for their support for the BRF and having the vision to take this important step forward for the Association.

Teresa Brown, Honorary Secretary

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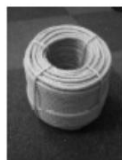


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Accounts

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers Charity Registration 263781

Summary of District Accounts For the year ending 31 December 2013

		Bedford		Biggleswade		Luton		TOTAL 2013		2012	
		£	No	£	No	£	No	£	No	£	
Ringling Member (Resident)	@	5.00	116	580.00	88	440.00	116	580.00	320	1600.00	1110.00
Ringling Member (Resident)	@	2.50	5	12.50	17	42.50	17	42.50	39	97.50	355.00
Ringling Member (Res Life)	@	80.00									80.00
Ringling Member (Non Res)	@	5.00									10.00
Assoc Member (Non Ring)	@	5.00	2	10.00					2	10.00	5.00
Assoc Member (Ringling)	@	5.00	2	10.00	4	20.00			6	30.00	30.00
Arrears	@	5.00	7	35.00						35.000	
Arrears	@	2.50	1	2.50						2.50	
Sale of Badges	@	2.00	9	18.00	1	2.00			10	20.00	18.00
Total Receipts				668.00		504.50		622.50		1795.00	1608.00
Less Admin Expenses				-10.40		-5.95				-16.35	-2.49
Net Receipts (To Receipts & Payments A/c)				657.60		498.55		622.50		1778.65	1605.51
Notes											
Cash balance retained b/f				22.98		16.43		10.00		49.41	67.90
Income for Year				668.00		504.50		622.50		1795.00	1608.00
Total				690.98		520.93		632.50		1844.41	1675.90
Less amount paid to Assoc. Lloyds A/c				-668.00		-506.50		-632.50		-1807.00	-1624.00
Less expenses				-10.40		-5.95				-16.35	-2.49
Net cash balance c/f				12.58		8.48		0.00		21.06	49.41

Receipts and Payments

For the year ending 31 December 2013

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2013	2012		2013	2012
General Funds	£	£		£	£
Receipts			Payments		
Income			Charity Expenditure		
Subscriptions			Central Council Affiliation Fees	75.00	75.00
Annual Membership	1697.50	1465.00	Printing of Annual Report	412.00	463.20
Ringing Member (Res Life)		80.00	Other Expenditure		
Ringing Member (Non Res)		10.00	Districts Admin Expenses	16.35	2.49
Assoc Member (Ringing)	30.00	30.00	Insurance for Tech. Adviser		
Assoc Member (Non Ringing)	10.00	5.00	& Public Liability	347.16	347.16
Arrears	37.50		Ringing World Notices	200.00	200.00
Trading			Committee Meeting Room Hire	25.00	25.00
Sale of Association Badges	20.00	18.00	Young Ringers Subs - for comp	16.00	16.00
Sale of Reports	11.00		Young Ringers Events Expenses	7.62	109.93
Income from Report Adverts	110.00	80.00	Ringing World DVD (library)		35.00
Other			Bell News DVD (library)		40.00
Peal Fees	124.50	156.00	Engraving Ridgman Trophy	12.50	15.98
Gift Aid - HMRC	75.04	92.86	Printing Certificates Striking Comp		40.00
Donation Kempston Ringers	30.01		Gifts for Striking Comp Judges	19.96	9.99
Donation Rambling Ringers	90.00		Expenses - President	20.99	70.90
Donation M Matthews	50.00		Expenses - Secretary	16.95	8.97
Donation S Silver	44.61		Expenses - Assoc. Treasurer	3.00	6.11
Kempston Ringers Ridgman Trophy		86.63	Life Membership if'd to Reserve A/c		9.00
Interest from Reserve Fund	7.41	7.62	Domain Name Renewal		
Investment Income			Donations to BRF	214.62	
Interest	10.67	3.04	Gift Aid to BRF	75.04	
			Peal Fees to BRF	124.50	
			Investment Interest to BRF	18.08	
Total Receipts	2348.24	2034.15	Total Payments	1613.77	1545.73
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	4344.76	3856.34
			Net Receipts for the Year 2013	734.47	488.42
				5079.23	4344.76
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2013		
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
THE RONALD J SHARP FUND	2013	2012		2013	2012
Receipts	£	£	Payments	£	£
Investment Income			River Festival printing leaflets		35.00
Interest	113.82	125.37	River Festival donation		500.00
Total Receipts	113.82	125.37	Total Payments	0.00	535.00
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	18923.56	19333.19
			Net Receipts for the Year 2013	113.82	-409.63
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2013	19037.38	18923.56
			Total Funds at 31.12.2013	19037.38	18923.56
RESERVE FUND	2013	2012		2013	2012
Receipts	£	£	Payments	£	£
Life Membership Subscriptions		80.00	To General Funds		
Investment Income Interest	7.41	7.62	Interest	7.41	7.62
Total Receipts	7.41	87.62	Total Payments	7.41	7.62
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	1254.00	1174.00
			Net Receipts for the Year 2013	0.00	80.00
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2013	1254.00	1254.00
BELL RESTORATION FUND	2013			2013	
Receipts	£		Payments	£	
Donations	214.62				
Peal Fees	124.50				
HMRC Gift Aid	75.04				
Interest	18.08				
Total Receipts	432.24		Total Payments	0.00	
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	0.00	
			Net Receipts for the Year 2013	432.24	
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2013	432.24	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 December 2013

	2013	2012
	£	£
Cash and Bank Deposits		
1. General Fund		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	2429.10	3249.12
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	2610.54	1024.70
Cash held by Association Officers	39.59	70.94
Total	5079.23	4344.76
2. The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund		
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	19037.38	18923.56
Total	19037.38	18923.56
3. Reserve Fund		
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	1254.00	1254.00
Total	1254.00	1254.00
4. Bell Restoration Fund		
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	432.24	
Total	432.24	
Other Monetary Assets		
Debtors		
Ringing World Balance	205.39	181.21
Investment Assets		
None		
Liabilities (Items owned by the Charity)		
Current Liabilities	NIL	NIL
Fixed Assets - Estimated Value		
Library - Books, Periodicals and DVD's	775.00	775.00
President's Badge	145.00	145.00
St Peter's Cup	120.00	120.00
St Giles' Cup	30.00	30.00
The Melville Cup	500.00	500.00
C Edward Jeffries Trophy (Bedford District)	250.00	250.00
Gavel	10.00	10.00
Reading Glass	10.00	10.00
Note		
Stock of badges - 92	147.20	163.20

Independent Examiner's Statement

Examined and found to be correct from the books and records presented to me.

Richard J Hillson 7th February 2014

Lloyds Bank – 3 Month Bond For the year ending 31 December 2013

	General A/c	Reserve A/c	Ron Sharp	Bell R Fund	Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	1024.70	1254.00	18923.56	0.00	21202.26
Interest 19 Dec 2012 - 19 Mar 2013	1.51	1.73	28.01		31.25
Interest 19 Mar - 19 Jun	1.55	1.89	28.67		32.11
19 Jun Tf'd from C/a	1500.00				1500.00
Interest 19 Jun - 19 Sep	3.82	1.91	28.70		34.43
Interest 19 Sep - 19 Dec	3.79	1.88	28.44		34.11
Tf Reserve A/c interest to General A/c	7.41	-7.41			
29 May Donation Kempston Ringers	-30.01			30.01	
25 Sep Donation Rambling Ringers	-90.00			90.00	
12 Nov HMRC Gift Aid	-75.04			75.04	
10 Dec Donation M Matthews	-50.00			50.00	
17 Dec Donation Sue Silver	-44.61			44.61	
Peal Fees	-124.50			124.50	
19 Dec Tf'd from C/a	500.00				500.00
Interest Tf'd to BRF	-18.08			18.08	
	2610.54	1254.00	19037.38	432.24	23334.16

District Bell Funds For the year ending 31 December 2013

	Bedford	Biggleswade	Luton	TOTAL 2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	13671.68	10194.06	12504.31	36370.05	35199.23
Income	1020.98	1527.03	97.59	2645.60	2153.35
Interest	59.79	4.20	49.66	113.65	45.12
Less Grants	-4149.60		-4627.20	-8776.80	-728.06
Less Luton BRF 50 Club			-155.00	-155.00	-299.59
Total	10602.85	11725.29	7869.36	30197.50	36370.05

Notes to the Accounts

Future Liabilities including grants approved:

Biggleswade 8500.00

Eaton Socon 1300.00

District Bell Fund Grants 2013

Bedford District: Felmersham - £4149.60, for overhaul of bearings and fittings

Luton District: Flitwick - £4627.20, for refurbishment of bells and frame

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Biggleswade District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280785

Kate Scott, The Vicarage, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0AT

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Luton District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280164

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District Reports

Bedford District

The Annual District Meeting was held looking at a snowy Sharnbrook and after the previous resignation of Graham Ridgway I found myself elected as District Chairman once again. Robert Wood, Stephen Stanford, Maureen Hall and Susan Entwistle also stood down from positions and thanks were recorded to all of them for their service. The C Edward Jeffries Memorial Trophy for young ringers was awarded to Melissa Nash of St. Andrew's, Bedford.

After some discussion services were retained at our spring and autumn Quarterly Meetings. The size of attendance at these has justified that decision and it can be noted that some members attend the service and meeting but may elect not to ring. In addition to our monthly pattern of ringing and quarterly business meetings we have had monthly practices at St Paul's, Bedford which have attempted to give greater opportunity to all to ring on higher numbers. Over the summer we had a series of five young ringers' practices. Ten different youngsters were involved in one or more of these. Ultimately insufficient were available on the day to enter a district band for the Association's Melville Cup Young Ringers' Striking Contest but that does not mean the practices were not worthwhile and enjoyed by many.

The District Striking Competition held at Oakley in March had six entrants across the two contests and was judged by John Loveless and Linda Garton. Kempston retained their crown in the method section once again, ahead of St Andrew's, Bedford and Bromham. Oakley beat Goldington and Elstow to take the rounds trophy. Also in March was Quarter Peal week. Eleven out of fourteen quarters were successful. There was one first quarter, one first inside and several firsts in method. We joined with the Biggleswade District for a ringing outing to London in May that was enjoyed by those who attended. A sponsored 'Ring and Ride' reappeared in our programme on the day of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust 'Bike 'n Hike'. An all age group of fifteen ringers and friends took on a twenty-five mile route ringing at ten towers arranged by Bob Jones. Over £1,000 was raised, including over £500 for the District BRF.

Our autumn Quarterly Meeting was held at Felmersham. This was a good opportunity for members to ring after the completion of the refurbishment supported by the District BRF and substantially assisted by Stephen Stanford and Pat Albon. A clear improvement was noted by many and it is pleasing that there have also been a number of new members recorded at Felmersham.

Sadly we have lost five members to death this year: Judy Anderson of Sharnbrook, Dick Crisp of Bromham, Anne Izzard of Kempston, Shelagh Melville of St Paul's, Bedford and Robert Wood of Kempston.

We are grateful to the churches that have hosted us through the year and thank our Ringing Master, James Saunders, for overseeing our ringing at meetings. Finally I must record my thanks to the District Committee for their work over the year including preparations for the year ahead that will include hosting an ITTS bell handling course locally and again having a pitch at the Bedford River Festival.

Alex Nash, District Chairman

Biggleswade District

It has been another busy year of meetings and events for the District, some of which are detailed below.

In February our District Ringing Master, Chris Williams ably assisted by Linda Garton, organised a quarter peal event with the aim of involving at least 50 ringers. 13 out of the 14 attempts were successful, with 52 different ringers participating; an outstanding achievement. Thank you Chris and Linda.

The District Striking Competition was held at Potton in March and there were 4 teams in the main competition and 2 in the rounds/call changes competition. Biggleswade were the winners in the change ringing competition and Northill the rounds competition. Biggleswade together with Eaton Socon represented the District at the Association Competition in September at Flitwick. My thanks go to Beth Overfield for organising the day and to the judges Alan Shepherd and Sarah Green.

The Annual Outing took place in May and was a walking tour of towers in the City of London. It was a very enjoyable day and excellently organised by James Eggleston. Thank you James.

On the 6th July the National Young Ringers Competition took place in York and what a day it turned out to be! Bedfordshire Young Ringers once again took part and this time we WON. Words cannot describe the elated feeling of the team and supporters alike. This District was represented by Alice and Clarrie Scott.

The Association Competition in September was hosted by the Luton District. The afternoon started with the Melville Cup Competition for the young ringers. The Biggleswade District band was relatively inexperienced especially as they were up against the Luton District who had provided the majority of the band for the National Competition! Nevertheless they gave a very good account of themselves and were runners up. The St Peter's Cup was again a very close competition and was won by the Biggleswade band. Many congratulations to them.

In October we held a basic Training Day which was fully subscribed. The morning session at Haynes covered both ringing Bob Doubles inside and ringing behind. In the afternoon at Campton we concentrated on ringing call changes and improving listening skills. A big thank you to the many experienced ringers who gave their time to help the 'less experienced.' and to Chris Williams for organising and Linda Garton for running the day.

The December meeting was, as always, devoted to the Christmas Social, organised by the Biggleswade ringers. Thank you to all those who helped out, too numerous to mention by name, who, as always, made it such a good occasion.

Finally thank you to the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year.

Sue Silver, District Chairman

Luton District

This year has continued much as before with some highlights.

We have held 11 monthly practice meetings; there was no meeting held in May as it was the Association AGM.

Monthly practice meetings were better supported this year with average attendance of 17 District members per meeting (12 in 2012) plus an average of 4 out-of-District ringers to whom we are grateful for support. The earlier start of evening ringing during the winter months may be a contributing factor to the improved attendance.

The District Striking Competition was held at the end of March at Tilsworth on a cold,

snowy day. Maybe this is why it was poorly supported with only 3 towers being represented. The Rounds and Call-Change Competition was won by Houghton Regis. Although it was the only team that entered, I am sure it would have done well if other teams had participated. In the Method Competition: 1st was Linslade; 2nd was Dunstable; with 3rd being a scratch team assembled at short notice.

Our District hosted the Association striking contest in September held on the recently refurbished bells at Flitwick. The Association's Melville Cup was won by Luton District young ringers, with a team from Biggleswade District 2nd. The Association's St Peter's Cup was won by Biggleswade with 4 faults, with Kempston 2nd, Linslade 3rd and Dunstable 4th. These positions belie the fact that it was a very close and high standard contest with only an eight fault difference between the 1st and 4th places.

I am grateful for the efforts over the year of the District Officers and of our Ringing Masters who try to ensure that practices cater for a wide range of abilities, depending on those present. Sarah Green our District Treasurer resigned in November following a change in job and a move away. In addition, this is my last year as Chairman. I would like to comment on two highlights.

Firstly, St Mary's, Eaton Bray has had only two resident ringers for several years. Over the last few months, six new people from the village have been learning to ring. The Eaton Bray ringers have been taking part in the 'Learning the Ropes' structured scheme devised by the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART). So far, six have completed their level 1; one is progressing towards level 3 certification. Training has mainly been out of District at All Saints' Church, Marsworth, Bucks, where three of their ringers have undertaken the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme.

Mentors from St Barnabas, Linslade, have supported the Marsworth teachers and have been able to provide a solid band around the newer ringers. Marsworth is one of three certified ART teaching centres in the UK and we are fortunate that their skills and time are beneficial to ringers in our District. If anyone, including beginners and novice ringers, is interested in their teaching course, they should contact Richard Booth or Rose Nightingale at Marsworth, or Lyndsey or Nick Brett at Linslade. At Eaton Bray, rounds and call changes are now rung regularly for Sunday services to the appreciation of the congregation and clergy.

Secondly, this year we saw a Bedfordshire team win the National Young Ringers Striking Contest, held in York with sixteen teams participating. The Bedfordshire team of 8, plus one reserve, won the best in category and then the best band overall when they rang against last year's winners.

The team comprised 8 young ladies and 1 young man. Six were from Linslade drawn from St Barnabas and All Saints, two from Biggleswade, and one from Houghton Regis. A report of the event has appeared in The Ringing World and Lyndsey Brett has put together a note of the event from a local perspective. I would like to pull out one comment, in particular, from Lyndsey's note: '[The judges] said the team produced a foot-tapping piece of ringing that had them going back and re-evaluating some of the other grades' - this says it all!

All credit goes to our District youngsters in the team, other members of the team, the Bedfordshire organisers, to the transport team and to the families for support.

Peter Phillips, District Chairman

Association 2014 Diary – see www.bacr.co.uk for current details			
Association AGM	Sat 17 May	Biggleswade	See website
Ridgman Trophy	Sat 7 June	Coggeshall	
Ringing World National Youth Contest	Sat 5 July	Worcester	
Bedford River Festival	Fri – Sun 18, 19, 20 July	We need lots of helpers to set up / take down and man the stand	
Diocesan Centenary Event	Mon 25 August	Keysoe Equestrian Centre	
Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers	Sat 20 September	Elstow	Draw 3.30pm
St Peter's Cup Six Bell Striking Competition	Sat 20 September	Elstow	Draw 5.00pm
2015 Forward Look			
Biggleswade District ADM	Sat 10 January	Eaton Socon	Details to be confirmed
Bedford District ADM	Sat 17 January	Cardington	3.30 – 8.30pm
Luton District ADM	Sat 24 January	Cranfield	Details to be confirmed
Association AGM	Sat 16 May	Luton District	Details to be confirmed
Association Striking Competitions	Sat 19 September	Biggleswade District	Details to be confirmed

Member and Tower Listing Notes

Ringing times are 24-hour clock

The Sunday service times shown are when ringing starts, **not** the time of the service.

PN – Practice night

GF – Ground floor ring

AC – Anti-clockwise ring

* denotes Life Member

† denotes Honorary Life Member

An Ordnance Survey grid reference is given for each tower.

Corrections and Amendments

Please send corrections or changes of tower/contact details to Honorary Secretary, Teresa Brown.

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secretary@bacr.co.uk

List of Members and Towers

Honorary Life Members

Robert R Churchill, John Pemble, Anthony H Smith

Non-Resident Life Members

James Buckenham, Geoffrey Dann, Keith H Fleming, Avril Ivin, David Lazzerini, Lynda Lazzerini, Brian Makeham, Martyn J Marriott, Clive G Smith

Associate Non-Ringing Members

Emily Entwistle Bedford St Peter; Nicholas Fowler Goldington

Associate Ringing Members Elected in 2013

Daniel Jones (1641), Jon Potter (1642), Michael Crockett (1144), Graham Hayward (1145), John Stanworth (1650), Richard Pullin (1651), Roderic Bickerton, Brian Foley(1136), Simon Head (1135), Jonathan Tallis (1134)

Resident Members Transferred to Non-Resident Membership in 2013

Rachel Adams, Sarah Adams, Amy Skellern, Rev'd Derwyn Williams, Sarah Green

Resident Ringing Members Elected in 2013

Name	No.	Tower	Date
Rosemary Drewery	1137	Sharnbrook	19 January
Andrew Vaughan-Jones	1138	Felmersham	19 January
Rebecca Sharp	1139	Felmersham	19 January
Lisa Beales	1140	Felmersham	19 January
Katie Henman	1141	Felmersham	19 January
Caroline Jones	1142	Felmersham	19 January
Karen Yasseen	1143	Felmersham	19 January
Hannah Dobbie	2197	Leighton Buzzard	26 January
Cathy Olphin	1643	Northill	9 March
Rosanna Jackson	1644	Potton	9 March
Rosemary Kimber	1645	Potton	9 March
Kirsty Davison	1646	Campton	9 March
Sarah Asque	1648	Biggleswade	9 March
Charlotte Francis	1647	Campton	9 March
Peter Goode	571	Houghton Regis	23 March
Matthew Johnson	2198	Dunstable	23 March
Lui Faulkner	2199	Dunstable	27 April
Mary Hartley	2200	Cranfield	18 May
Helen De-Matteis	2201	Unattached	27 July
Dean De-Matteis	2202	Unattached	27 July
Peter Little	2203	Westoning	27 July
Joy Moorhouse	2204	Westoning	27 July
David Moorhouse	2205	Westoning	27 July
Valerie Bryans	1652	Northill	14 September
Mary Oliver-Barratt	1653	Potton	14 September

Bedford District

Unattached Members

Rosemary Buckle, Owen Davis

BEDFORD St Andrew (8) 5-2-22 in B TL057509

Sunday: 09.30

PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

Barbara Woplin, 3 Windsor Gardens, Bedford, MK40 3BU

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Lisa Adams, Gareth Burrows, Richard Gallivan, David Heaslip, Philip Kino,
Alex Nash, Melissa Nash, Barbara Woplin

BEDFORD St Paul (12) 28-3-06 in D TL049496

Sunday: 09.30

PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

Sunday evening by arrangement

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Matthew Barnard, John Long*, Shelagh Melville* deceased, James Saunders

BEDFORD St Peter de Merton (8) 12-1-00 in F# TL051501

Sunday: 09.40

PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Margaret Cowley, 12 Ennerdale Close, Kempston, MK42 8HE

01234 854294

Lorraine Andrews*, David Cowley, Margaret Cowley, Ann Desics,
Richard Entwistle, Susan Entwistle, Lynn Goodwin, Martin Goodwin,
Teresa Kirhner, Christopher Meadows, Sylvia MacDowell, Sheila Richardson,
Pat Staite, Colin Stuart

BIDDENHAM St James (8) 12-3-18 in G TL014499

Sunday: 08.30

PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00

phone to check

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Peter Culverwell, Brian Toyn

BLETSGOE St Mary (6) 11-2-11 in F# TL023583

Sunday: 09.00 3rd

PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00

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Andrew Fyvie, Trish Vine, Paul Vine

BOLNHURST St Dunstan (4) 8-0-00 in Bb (GF) TL081588

Sunday: None

PN: None

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BROMHAM St Owen (8) 22-3-18 in Eb TL013512

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Mike Cassell*, Dick Crisp deceased, Robert Gornall, Derek Hammond*, Steve Hare,
Mary Harle, Andrew Heyman, George Ilett, Robert Jones, Adrienne Sharp,
Don Sherwood, Elizabeth Walshe

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Sunday: 10.30 PN: 3rd Thursday
phone to check

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Derek Eddy, Rev'd Stephen Smith

CARLTON St Mary (6) 9-2-07 in Ab SP952549

Sunday: 09.00 3rd and 10.30 4th & 5th PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Harrold

Mrs Lin Barratt, 10 Beeby Way, Carlton, MK43 7LW

01234 720756 lin.barratt@btinternet.com

Lin Barratt, Martin Barratt, Ann Boyle, Sarah Ford, Margaret Linggood

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COLMWORTH St Denys (6) 9-3-18 in G (GF) TL109586

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Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Felicity Evans, John Moorby

ELSTOW St Mary and St Helena (6) 8-2-00 in G TL049474

Sunday: 10.50 and 18.00 PN: Friday 20.00-21.00

Mrs Miriam Clark, 1 Garnith Close, Kempston, MK42 8DX

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Miriam Clark, Don MacFarlane, Richard Marshall, Barbara Routledge,
Stephen Stanford*, Sarah Ward*

FELMERSHAM St Mary (8) 20-2-18 in Eb SP991578

Sunday: 10.30 PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

Mike Benson, 8 Marriotts Close, Felmersham, MK43 7HD

01234 781649 mail@mikebenson08.plus.com

Lisa Beales, Mike Benson, Jane Brunetti, Wendy Freegard, Katie Henman,
Caroline Jones, Elizabeth Nicholls, Rev'd Thomas Sander, Rebecca Sharp,
Andrew Vaughan-Jones, Karen Yasseen

GOLDINGTON St Mary (6) 10-2-07 in F# TL076510

Sunday: 09.00 and 16.30 2nd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Jenny Thompson, 16 Langdale, Bedford, MK41 9EG

01234 216571 thompbarr@aol.com

Gale Bevan, Peter Blunt, Timothy Blunt, Andrew Dennison, Roger Framp,
Jean Heaslip, James Howlett, Dorothy Kirby, Hazel Spencer, Doug Taylor,
Jenny Thompson

HARROLD St Peter and All Saints (6) 13-0-06 in F# SP954567

Sunday: 09.00 1st, 2nd & 5th and 10.30 3rd PN: Friday 19.30-21.00

alternate with Carlton

Martin Barratt, 10 Beeby Way, Carlton, MK43 7LW

01234 720756 martin.d.barratt@btinternet.com

Peter Hickman, Robert Lindley, John Weatherill

KEMPSTON All Saints (10) 17-2-04 in E TL015480

Sunday: 09.45 PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00

Dr Nicola Darwood, 113 High Street, Kempston, MK42 7BP

01234 855167 the.darwoods@ntlworld.com

Rebecca Bentley, Nicola Darwood, Rachel Darwood, Stephen Darwood,
Glynda Easterbrook, Chris Grundy, Richard Hillson, Anne Izzard deceased,
Cliff Izzard, Andrew Keech, Ros Keech*, Thomas Keech*, Melvyn Potts,
Martin Whiteley, Margaret Whiteley, Robert Wood deceased

KEYSOE St Mary (5) 14-1-19 in E (GF) TL073624

Sunday: 09.30 3rd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Penny Heming, Pump Cottage, Keysoe Row East, Keysoe, MK44 2JB

01234 378878 penny.heming@btinternet.com

Carol Burge, Ro Heming, Katie Madison, Joy Mooring, Richard Thurmott,
Marion Turner

LITTLE STAUGHTON All Saints (5) 10-2-20 in G# (AC) TL107630

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00

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St Neots, PE19 5BW

01234 376292 hazelhopperton@btinternet.com

Marion Bastin

MELCHBOURNE St Mary Magdalene (4) 12-1-12 in F# TL028654

Sunday: Phone to check PN: None

Mrs Audrey Lovell, 13 Park Road, Melchbourne, MK44 1BB

01234 708728

MILTON ERNEST All Saints (6) 9-1-01 in G TL020561

Sunday: None

PN: None

Mrs Valerie Lincoln, 9 Huntsman's Way, Milton Ernest, MK44 1SA
01234 824923

Lesley Hattersley

OAKLEY St Mary (6) 12-0-02 in G TL011530

Sunday: 09.00 1st & 3rd and 10.00 2nd & 4th PN: Friday 20.00-21.15

Bill Sellars, 2 Parsonage Close, Oakley, MK43 7TG

01234 823473 thesellars@btinternet.com

Martin Heaslip, Graham Ridgway, Bill Sellars

ODELL All Saints (6) 13-1-08 in F# SP966580

Sunday: None

PN: None

Dr Martin Eshelby, 16a Avenue Road, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0SJ

01933 410959 martin@eshelby.co.uk

PAVENHAM St Peter (5) 8-0-00 in A SP992560

Sunday: None

PN: None

Mrs Vivien Holt, Meadowcroft, High Street, Pavenham, MK43 7NP

01234 825479 vivienholt@hotmail.com

Vivien Holt

RENHOLD All Saints (6) 13-0-15 in F# TL089528

Sunday: 10.30

PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Yvonne Potter, 8 Brook Lane, Salph End, Renhold, MK41 0LD

01234 771495 yvonnepotter@onetel.com

Phil Harlow, Eddie Keightley, Yvonne Potter, Yvonne Whitbread

RISELEY All Saints (6) 13-1-26 in F TL039631

Sunday: 10.15 1st

PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

phone to check

David Shaw, 5 Dodds Close, Riseley, MK44 1PQ

01234 708204 d.r.shaw@btinternet.com

SHARNBROOK St Peter (8) 9-3-05 in F# SP993596

Sunday: 09.00 and 17.15

PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

Patrick Albon, 27 Home Close, Sharnbrook, MK44 1PQ

01234 782251 pat.albon@btinternet.com

Jacquie Albon, Patrick Albon, Judy Anderson* deceased, Tom Anderson*,
Gemma Davison, Rosemary Drewery, Helen Horn, Kathryn Stenton,
Simon Sweeney

STAGSDEN St Leonard (6) 10-2-18 in G (GF) SP982491

Sunday: Check

PN: Alternate Thursdays, 20.00-21.00

Richard Brown, Manor Farm, High Street, Stagsden, MK42 8SQ

01234 822330 jrichardbrown@btoopenworld.com

STEVINGTON St Mary (5) 10-2-14 in F# (GF) SP990536
Sunday: 09.00, except 4th, check 5th PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00
Peter Bishop, 4 Church Road, Stevington, MK43 7QB
01234 825158 sueandpeterb@btinternet.com

Peter Bishop, Jean Edwards, Rosemary Maclaine

SWINESHEAD St Nicholas (5) 2-2-07 in F TL058659
Sunday: None PN: None
Mrs Carolyn Long, Lilac Cottage, High Street, Swineshead, MK44 2AA
01234 709947 stuartlong209@btinternet.com

THURLEIGH St Peter (6) 14-0-00 in F# (GF) TL051584
Sunday: None PN: Tuesday 19.30-20.30
John Mustoe, Blackthorn Cottage, 20 Cross End, Thurleigh, MK44 2EE
01234 771667 nigelmustoe@msn.com

TURVEY All Saints (8) 19-0-20 in E SP940525
Sunday: 10.30 and 17.30 1st, 2nd & 3rd PN: Friday 19.00-20.00
David Nightingale, 10 Barncroft, Turvey, MK43 8DN
01234 881453 david@bats-in-the-belfry.co.uk

UPPER DEAN All Hallows (5) 9-3-20 in G (GF) TL046676
Sunday: 09.45 check PN: Thursday 20.00-21.00
phone to check
Mrs Lindsay Langley, Te Aroha, 6 Aylott Close, Upper Dean PE28 0NA
01234 708165 alangley35@btinternet.com

WILDEN St Nicholas (5) 11-2-00 in F# TL093552
Sundays: None PN: None
Mrs Carolyn Walker, 49, High Street, Wilden, MK44 2QD
01234 771102

Bridget Stone

WOOTTON St Mary (6) 14-3-26 in F TL003451
Sunday: None PN: None
Richard Reeves, 102 Bedford Road, Wootton, MK43 9JB
01234 767726 mail@richardreeves.net

Richard Reeves

Unringable

MARSTON MORETAINE St Mary the Virgin (5) 13-2-00 in F SP996412

PODDINGTON St Mary (4) 9-0-00 in G SP942627

WYMINGTON St Lawrence (5) 13-1-22 in F# SP955644

YELDEN St Mary (4) 8-0-0 in Bb TL011672

Biggleswade District

Unattached Members

Barbara Beard, Susan Silver, Christine Williams

AMPTHILL St Andrew (8) 13-3-06 in Ab TL037383

Sunday: 09.00 except 1st PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

John Hele, 45 Alameda Road, Ampthill, MK45 2LA

01525 840278 john.s.hele@gmail.com

Erin Barnard, Theresa Barnard, Robert Butcher, Margaret Coleman,
Derek Hart, John Hele, Elizabeth Hele, Timothy Hele, Rae Marshall,
Hilary Nellist, Christopher Shrimpton, Yvonne Young

ARLESEY St Peter (6) 10-3-15 in G TL192375

Sunday: 09.00 except 9.30 2nd PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Meppershall

Peter Overfield, 10 Peartree Close, Shefford, SG17 5JG
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Don Brace, Brian Juffs, Katie Juffs, Elizabeth Overfield*, Peter Overfield*,
Heather Waters

BIGGLESWADE St Andrew (8) 13-1-18 in F TL188446

Sunday: 9.30 and 17.30 PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.00

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Sarah Asque, David Carr*, James Eggleston, Sian Harris, Roy Haynes,
Yvonne Humberstone*, Prudence Moore, Rev'd Guy Scott, Kate Scott,
Alice Scott, Clarrie Scott, Alan Smith*, Anthony Smith†, Charlotte Smith*,
Sheila Smith*, Elaine Taylor*, Beryl Worsley*, John E Worsley*, Martyn Worsley*

BLUNHAM St Edmund (6) 18-2-00 in Eb TL153512

Sunday: Check PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Tempsford and Sandy,
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Jeff Cloughton, 58a Barford Road, Blunham, MK44 3ND
01767 640624 jeff@acorn-woodworking.co.uk

Terri Creed

CAMPTON All Saints (8) 6-2-10 in B (GF) TL130381

Sunday: 10.30 except 5th PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

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07803 206161 john@jplmanagementservices.co.uk

Linda Bryant, Kirsty Davison, Linda Garton, Charlotte Francis, Clare Francis,
Barrie Glenn, John Loveless

CLIFTON All Saints (8) 10-0-06 in G TL166393

Sunday: 10.00 and 18.00

PN: Friday 19.45 – 21.00

Learners 19.00-19.45

Mrs Sheila Ashton, Vic's Orchard, 15a Pedley Lane, Clifton, SG17 5EH

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Sheila Ashton*, Stanley Ashton*, Peter Blackmore, Nicholas Brown,
Russell Brown, Teresa Brown, Clive Moncrieff, Harriet Moncrieff,
Jim Peacock, Keith Pledger, Mary Pledger, Frank Rivett, Philippa Whittington

COPLE All Saints (6) 8-1-00 in G# (AC) TL103485

Sunday: None

PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

Mike Vacher, 91 Willington Road, Cople, MK44 3TN

01234 831207 vacher309@btinternet.com

EATON SOCON St Mary (8) 13-2-24 in F TL170588

Sunday: 10.00 except 8.30 1st PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

Sue Matthews, 28 Burwell Road, Eaton Ford, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 7QQ

01480 476068 sue.spencer1959@ntlworld.com

D Graham Hall, Maureen Hall, Michael Matthews*, Sue Matthews, Mary Parnham,
Wendy Piercy*, Christopher Spencer

GREAT BARFORD All Saints (5) 15-3-16 in F (GF) TL134517

Sunday: 09.00

PN: None

Christopher Branch, 107 Chapel Field, Great Barford, MK44 3JT

01234 870982 cjbranch@btinternet.com

HAYNES St Mary (6) 6-3-05 in B (GF) TL081412

Sunday: 09.00 1st

PN: Monday 19.00-21.00

Brian Oertel, 13 Howard Close, Haynes, MK45 3QH

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Amy Johnson, Brian Oertel, Jason Pillar, Chloe Playford, James Plummer,
Emily Welham, George Welham

HENLOW St Mary (8) 14-2-00 in F# TL178387

Sunday: 10.30, check 5th

PN: Tuesday 20.00-21.00

Mrs Carol Donnelly, 4 Oak Drive, Henlow, SG16 6BX

01462 811960 carol.j.donnelly@sky.com

James Burgess, Carol Donnelly, Heather Jewell, Philip Jewell,
Martin Major*, Randall Perrey, Jessica Sawyers

MAULDEN St Mary (8) 10-2-00 in F# TL058381

Sunday: 08.45

PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00

Mrs Mary Mann, 60 The Grove, Houghton Conquest, MK45 3JU

01234 740348 maryl.mann@btinternet.com

Elizabeth Edwards, Steven Edwards, Mark Garner*, Colin Gunns,
Christel Gunns, Mary Mann*, Yvonne Tomkins*

MEPPERSHALL St Mary (6) 12-2-00 in G# (GF) TL134359
 Sunday: None PN: Friday 20.00-21.00
 alternate with Arlesey
 John Parsons, 17 Shillington Road, Meppershall, SG17 5ND
 01462 813333

David Bartlett, Anne Parsons*, John Parsons*, Elizabeth Wade*

NORTHILL St Mary Virgin (6) 18-2-12 in Eb TL149466
 Sunday: 10.30, check 5th PN: Monday 19.30-21.00
 Chris Morris, The Barracks, Northill, SG18 9AH
 01767 627476

Andrew Bryans, Valerie Bryans, Mike Cowell, Simon Melvin, Susan Melvin,
 Chris Morris, Cathy Olphin, George Olphin, Roy Thrower

OLD WARDEN St Leonard (6) 9-1-00 in G (GF) TL136443
 Sunday: None PN: None
 Rev'd Frank Coleman, The Vicarage, 2a Biggleswade Road, Upper Caldecote,
 Biggleswade SG18 9BL
 01767 315578 dr.frankcoleman@googlemail.com

POTTON St Mary (6) 8-0-00 in A TL229495
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Tuesday 19.45-21.00
 Mrs Rosemary Kimber, Spencer Farm, 28 King Street, Potton, SG19 2QT
 01767 261206 rosemary.kimber@yahoo.co.uk

Rosanna Jackson, Rosemary Kimber, Mary Oliver-Barratt, Tony Sharp

ROXTON St Mary Magdalene (5) 10-1-03 in G TL153545
 Sunday: 10.30 PN: None
 Walter Jennings, The Lilacs, Chawston Lane, Chawston, MK44 3BH
 01480 213155

David Bradley, Anne Cattnach, Walter Jennings, Bernard Hooker,
 Norman Keightley

SANDY St Swithun (6) 12-0-08 in F TL174491
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
 alternate with Blunham and Tempsford
 phone to check

Steven Akhurst, 13 Abbey Grove, Biggleswade, SG19 1QP
 01767 835039 / 07984 860108 steven.akhurst@talk21.com

Carly Akhurst, Phillip Akhurst, Steven Akhurst, Ann Eaton, Kylie Hirt,
 Tabitha Hirt, Viv Smith, Christopher Wagstaff, Kevin Wood

SOUTHILL All Saints (6) 11-3-03 in F# TL146422
 Sunday: 08.30 3rd PN: Thursday before 3rd Sunday
 19.30-20.30

Colin McCartney, 29 Birch Close, Broom, Biggleswade, SG18 9NR
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Colin McCartney, Elizabeth McCartney, Alan Dover*

STOTFOLD St Mary (8) 11-0-02 in G TL220367
Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.20
Roy Webb, Amber Lodge, Hatley Road, Wrestlingworth, SG19 2EH
01767 631285

Eileen Castledine, J Richard Castledine, Roy Webb

TEMPSFORD St Peter (6) 9-1-00 in Ab (GF) TL162531
Sunday: Check PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Blunham and Sandy
Phone to check

Jeff Cloughton, 58a Barford Road, Blunham, MK44 3ND
01767 640624 jeff@acorn-woodworking.co.uk

Jeff Cloughton, Sandra Cloughton

WILLINGTON St Lawrence (6) 9-0-01 in A TL106498
Sunday: None PN: Tuesday (check first)
Steven Watson, 18 Chapel Lane, Willington, MK44 3QG
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HOUGHTON CONQUEST All Saints (6) 12-1-02 TL043414
LITTLE BARFORD St Denys (4) 6-0-00 TL178570
STEPPINGLEY St Lawrence (4) 5-0-00 TL012355
SUTTON All Saints (4) 7-0-00 TL218475

Luton District

Unattached Members

Dean De-Matteis, Helen De-Matteis, Keith Lewin, John Pemble†, Robert Tregillus

ASPLEY GUISE St Botolph (6) 10-0-11 in G# SP943363
Sunday: 09.00 PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Husborne Crawley
Ron Battams, 37 Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, MK17 8JZ
01908 582673

Ron Battams, Richard Lanyon-Hogg, Patricia Woolhead

BARTON-LE-CLAY St Nicholas (8) 16-1-14 in E TL085304
Sunday: 10.00 PN: Monday 19.30-21.00
Mrs Jennifer Archer, 1 Old School Gardens, Barton-Le-Clay, MK45 4LS
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CADDINGTON All Saints (6) 8-0-00 in G TL064198
Sunday: 9.00 PN: Thursday 20.00-21.00
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CRANFIELD St Peter and St Paul (6) 17-1-00 in E SP956420
Sunday: 09.45 PN: Thursday 19.30 -21.00
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Jonathan Billington, Nicky Billington, Thomas Billington, Cara Butterworth,
Jim Ewen, Jonathan Foster, Christopher Hartley, Mary Hartley, Jane Leslie,
Abby Martin, Debbie Martin, Sophie Martin, John Peat, Susan Webster

DUNSTABLE St Peter (8) 23-2-15 in Eb TL021219
Sunday: 08.40 and 18.00 PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.15
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Emily Cooper, Lui Faulkner, Hayley Fry, Robert Hornby, Richard Horne*,
Andrew Jeffs, David Jeffs, Jackie Jeffs, Paul Jeffs, Matthew Johnson,
Graham Proctor, Alan Shepherd*

EATON BRAY St Mary the Virgin (6) 9-2-0 in A SP969207
Sunday: 09.30, phone to check PN: None
John Plater, 41 Church Lane, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DJ
01525 221095

Richard Stroud

EVERSHOLT St John the Baptist (6) 17-3-00 in F SP983325
Sunday: None PN: None
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FLITTON St John the Baptist (6) 6-0-06 in Bb (GF) TL059358
Sunday: 10.30, check 4th and 5th PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
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01525 712916 greenv1@sky.com

Darelle Buckel, Sally Creveul, John Ellis, Vernon Green, Maureen Morey

FLITWICK St Peter and St Paul (6) 9-1-9 in G TL029342
Sunday: 10.00 PN: Friday 19.45-21.15
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01525 716258 i.holman@cranfield.ac.uk

Michael Catlin, Simon Daw, Imogen Diver, Ian Holman, Matthew Holman,
Rebekah Holman, Jackie Lawrence, Lisa Swannell, Paul Swannell,
Michael Trimm, David Watson

HOUGHTON REGIS All Saints (6) 13-0-00 in F TL018239

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Delroy Grey, 36 Kent Road, Houghton Regis, LU5 5NZ
01582 868644 delroy_grey@live.com

Carl Anthony, Eloise Catling, Peter Goode, Delroy Grey, Aaron Keers, John Pratt,
Peter Pratt, Cecilia Pymont, Courtney Spoerer, Stella Thomas,
Cameron White-Spunner

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY St James (8) 18-2-12 in D SP955362

Sunday: 10.45 1st and 4th, April - October PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
and 15.00 2nd only alternate with Aspley Guise
Robert Churchill, 11 Tingrith Road, Eversholt, MK17 9EF
01525 280632 r.churchill883@btinternet.com

Elizabeth Churchill, Robert Churchill†

KENSWORTH St Mary (6) 3-3-15 in D# TL031190

Sunday: 10.00 PN: Monday. Phone to check
Mrs Elisabeth Shelley, Church End Cottage, Kensworth, LU6 3RA
01582 872240

Brian Bedlington, Peter Culley, Lisa Jones, Patricia Litton, Margaret Putterill,
Elisabeth Shelley

LEIGHTON BUZZARD All Saints (12) 35-1-14 in C# SP918248

Sunday: 08.45 PN: Monday 19.45-21.30
Evensong QPs by arrangement
Kevin Pughe, 10 Church Square, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1AE
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Margaret Birtles, Gwenda Burley, Hannah Dobbie, Gemma Dolton, Barry Eglesfield,
Simon Lockwood, Jonathan Pawley, Kevin Pughe

LINSLADE St Barnabas (8) 9-3-3 in A SP912249

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.15
Thursday 17.30-19.00 for young ringers
Mrs Lyndsey Brett 01525 790241

Mrs Heather Darvill, 428 Bideford Green, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2TY
01525 371836 ddarvil100@tiscali.co.uk

Lyndsey Brett, Natalie Brett, Nicholas Brett, Samantha Brett, Janesse Cornfoot,
Heather Darvill, Graham Gill, Anne Hoxey, Nicola Kimber, Peter Phillips,
Janice Robinson, Rebecca Smith

LUTON St Mary (12) 25-0-24 in D TL095212

Sunday: 09.15 PN: Tuesday 18.30-20.00
by arrangement

Mrs Dee Vanner, 13 Elmwood Crescent, Luton, LU2 7HX
01582 619738 deanna.vanner@hotmail.co.uk

Ian Brown, Beryl Gardner, Pat Limanni, Santo Limanni

MILTON BRYAN St Peter (3) 9-0-0 in A (GF) SP972308

Sunday: None PN: None
Kelvin White, 4 Church End, Milton Bryan, MK17 9HR
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SHILLINGTON All Saints (5) 18-2-00 in E TL123339

Sunday: 9.00 PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
Ian Harvey, 77 Church Road, Shillington, SG5 3LJ
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SILSOE St James (6) 6-1-09 in B TL082356

Sunday: 09.10, 09.30 1st PN: Monday 19.45-21.00
Mrs Barbara Fraser, 18 Bedford Avenue, Silsoe, M45 4ER
01525 861709

David Adams, Paul Biscoe, Christopher Catlin, Julia Catlin, Barbara Fraser,
Simon Stranks

STANBRIDGE St John the Baptist (6) 9-0-15 in F# SP966242

Sunday: 10.00 1st and 08.30 last PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.00
Laurence Cooper, 10 Carlton Grove, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3BR
01525 377291 laurence@peanutwood.net

STUDHAM St Mary the Virgin (6) 10-0-22 in Ab (GF) TL016159

Sunday: 10.00 PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
Miss Angela Blackburn, 7 Knotts Close, Dunstable, LU6 3NY
01582 663756 angela@ablackburn.co.uk

Angela Blackburn, David Cload, Margaret Maddox, Graham Magor,
Peter Sanders, Andrew Wheeler, Peter Williams

TILSWORTH All Saints (6) 8-3-17 in A (GF) SP975243

Sunday: 08.30 2nd and 3rd PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
Phone to check

John Wilkins, 9 Lords Close, Stanbridge, LU7 9JB
01525 210961 jfwilkins@btinternet.com

John Mead, John Wilkins

TODDINGTON St George of England (8) 22-2-00 in E TL010289

Sunday: 10.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
Peter Boon, 33 Vicarage Street, Woburn Sands, MK17 8RE
01908 584181

Ruth Betts, Peter Boon, Vicki Holton, Anne Kiss, John Pask, Fran Smith

TOTTERNHOE St Giles (8) 9-2-00 in F SP988208

Sunday: 10.15 PN: Tuesday 20.00-21.00
Mrs Jacqui Hunt, 35 Totternhoe Road, Dunstable, LU6 2AF
01582 602266

Bryan Daniels, Stuart Harding, Yvonne Harding, Jacqui Hunt, Helen Morgan,
Michael Pearson

WESTONING St Mary Magdalene (6) 11-1-18 in F# TL027327
Sunday: 10.30 PN: Monday 19.30-20.45
Mervyn Gulliver, 1 High Road, Westoning, MK45 5JG
01525 838849 / or Sarah Sharp 01525 630961

Alan Davies, Mervyn Gulliver, Peter Little, Geraldine Moore, David Moorhouse,
Joy Moorhouse, Alun Sharp, Janice Sharp, Sarah Sharp

WHIPSNAD St Mary Magdalene (6) 3-1-24 in E (GF) TL012179
Sunday: 08.30, except 5th PN: 2nd and 4th Friday 19.30-21.00
Phone to check

Mrs Pam Ward, Chapel Farm, Whipsnade, LU6 2LL
01582 872406 pamela.ward@virgin.net

Sarah Ayres, John Kendrick, Roger Kendrick, Sylvia Kendrick, Pam Ward

WOBURN St Mary the Virgin (8) 24-1-16 in D SP950333
Sunday: 09.30 2nd only, 17.15 1st only PN: Thursday 1st only
Raymond Watkin, 6 Quadrans Close, Pennyland, Milton Keynes, MK15 8AU
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Raymond Watkin

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HARLINGTON St Mary the Virgin (5) 13-2-00	TL038305
HOCKLIFFE St Nicholas (4) 6-0-00	SP966270
HULCOTE St Nicholas (4) 8-0-00	SP944389
TINGRITH St Nicholas (3)	TL006324
UPPER GRAVENHURST St Giles (5) 10-0-11 in G#	TL113360

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Association Event Reports

Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers

It was Luton District's turn to host the Melville Cup Striking Competition for young ringers held on 21 September on the newly refurbished and tuned bells at St Peter and St Paul church, Flitwick.

Unfortunately Bedford District was unable to field a team so the competition was a duel between Luton and Biggleswade Districts.

Members of the Flitwick band served tea and cakes in the churchyard throughout the afternoon. Quite a few ringers taking part in the main competition arrived in time to have tea and hear the results.

The judges, Marc McDonald from Bushey and Alan Ainsworth from Amersham, were complimentary about the standard of ringing and congratulated everyone for their efforts.

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Luton	Rang extremely well at the start, with only 1 fault in the first 30 changes. A slightly hesitant patch in the middle, but after a few whole pulls the band got over that with a reasonably clear run to the end with only minor mistakes. It felt like they were getting more confident as they went on. Peal speed 2hrs 44.	12	2
2	Biggleswade	Rang well to start with, and got over a few errors in the middle. But then it felt like nerves started to set in towards the end. Overall, a good performance. Peal speed 2hrs 48.	19	1



Winners – Luton District Young Ringers. Photo Anthony Smith

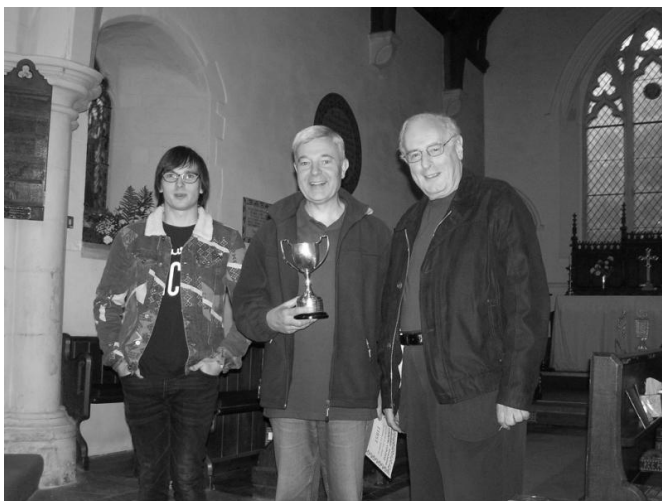
St Peter's Cup - Association Six Bell Striking Competition

Five teams took part in this year's six bell striking competition for the St Peter's Cup held on 21 September at St Peter and St Paul Church Flitwick. The judges were Marc McDonald and Alan Ainsworth. Marc said "Overall, the general standard of ringing was very good, and we had some nicely struck touches. It felt like everyone coped with the bells well, and there were no major fire ups, which is always good!"

Marc gave comments about each team's performance and the number of faults. Biggleswade were declared winners and Kempston the runners up.

Thanks to the Flitwick ringers for providing tea and cakes and for the use of the bells, which everyone agreed were much improved following the refurbishment and retuning early in the year.

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Biggleswade	Absolutely fantastic piece of ringing, a pleasure to listen to. Only a few small errors. Ringing settled very quickly and stayed there. Peal speed 2 hrs 48.	4	4
2	Kempston	Very confident from the start, no major errors. Ringing slowed down throughout the touch but good standard overall. Peal speed 2 hrs 58	9	5
3	Linslade	Started confidently, then incurred a few faults but recovered into a nice rhythm, a pleasure to listen to. Peal speed 2 hrs 52	11	1
4	Dunstable	Good start, more hesitant in the middle, then fantastic ringing until the last lead but good overall. Peal speed 2 hrs 46	12	3
5	Eaton Socon	Change length fluctuated a lot, the rhythm didn't settle down at all. Peal speed 3 hrs 8	40.5	2



Guy Scott, from the winning Biggleswade band, receives the St Peter's Cup from Marc McDonald and Alan Ainsworth.

Photo Anthony Smith

Ridgman Trophy Ten Bell Striking Competition – the trophy returns to Bedfordshire

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild are to be congratulated for their excellent hosting of this year's 25th Ridgman Trophy regional 10 bell striking competition, held on Saturday June 15 at Surfleet. Open towers, a mini-ring, boat trips and excellent pub food provided all the necessary ingredients for a very enjoyable afternoon. Bedfordshire were drawn last out of 8 teams which meant a bit of a wait before we got to ring but it did give ample opportunity to size up the opposition as well as catch up with friends from around the region.

The church was full for the results. Judges Mike Purday and Richard Smith, both from Cambridge, initially spoke a little about each team's performance of the test piece, half a course of Cambridge Royal, before giving the all important placings in reverse order. Bedfordshire were once again placed first with just 30 faults with our hosts the Lincoln Guild taking second place.

All in all it was a very enjoyable and well organised event. Many thanks to my fellow Beds team members for all their effort and focus during practice and on the day.

Place	Team	Faults	Peal speed
1	Bedfordshire Association	30	3hrs 1
2	Lincoln Diocesan Guild	42	3hrs 4
3	Ely Diocesan Guild	47	3hrs 5
4	Norwich Diocesan Association	51	3hrs 12
5	Peterborough Diocesan Guild	57	2hrs 59
6	Suffolk Guild	67	3hrs 19
7	Essex Association	83	3hrs 5
8	Cambridge University Guild	102	3hrs 3



Russell Brown receives the Ridgman Trophy from Judge Mike Purday.
Photo Philip Green

Inaugurated in 1988, the competition has now been running for 25 years. We have been doing very well in recent years; with three wins and a second place in the last 5 years. We're hot on Hertfordshire's heels!

Association	Number of competitions won
Hertford County Association	7
Bedfordshire Association	6
Cambridge University Guild	3
Essex Association	3
Suffolk Guild	3
Leicester Diocesan Guild	2
Ely Diocesan Association	1
Norwich Diocesan Association	1

Russell Brown, Organiser



The Bedfordshire winning team, clockwise from front right: Linda Garton (treble), John Loveless (2), Charlotte Smith (3), Philippa Whittington (4), Bob Wood (5), Anthony Smith (6), Russell Brown (7), Richard Horne (8), Frank Rivett (9) Andrew Keech (tenor).Photo Alan White

Ringling World National Youth Striking Competition, York

This year, I entered the Ringing World National Youth Competition (RWNYC) for the first time and I have found the experience exciting and amazing. Although it was a long day, everything was really well organised and we enjoyed ringing at new churches. Unexpectedly, our team won and now, a couple of weeks after the event, we are still trying to get over the shock! We started the day very early, driving up to York, then waited for the rest of our team to arrive outside the Minster. We sat and listened to the peal being rung on the wonderful Minster bells in the background. When the others arrived, we were given our new lovely t-shirts and official RWNYC wristbands. We also collected our leaflet where, after the draw, we learned that our team, Bedfordshire, would be last to complete their test piece. This had advantages and disadvantages. It was good as we had all day to try out new bells and to get to grips with the sort of things we should expect from the tower running the test pieces. On the other hand, we had all day for our nerves to shred!

Next, we walked to St Helen, Stonegate, where we had a drink and snack, and met up with some friends from Leeds who were also ringing in the competition, we also got to watch the incredible mini ring which we were all desperate to have a go on!

We trekked back to the Minster where a guide was going to take us around the towers, we saw many fascinating things such as the old ringing chamber, Great Peter (weighs around 11 tons and has a deeper pitch than Big Ben!) and we even went into the belfry while the peal was still ringing. The extraordinary sound trembled through you – we stood on a mesh type platform so the bells were ringing below our feet, it was very scary but an incredible experience. The last part of the tour was standing on the very top of the South West tower, the view was unbelievable!

Later on, we went to St Olave's, Marygate and got a very pleasant practice and a nice sit down. After some lunch and a drink, we quickly went to another open tower where we just managed to get the last ring of the day there. Some interesting call changes were called, but it was still nice to try out new bells. We visited St Wilfrid's, but not many of us rang as the methods were tricky and it was very busy!

The wait for our test piece was nearly over. Despite only being a reserve, I was just as nervous as my teammates. We made the nerve-wracking walk to St Lawrence, which was quite a distance from the other towers, when we got there we congratulated the two teams that rang before us and had a quick sit down before going into the tower to complete our piece.

In the Tower, I was not allowed to say anything, but I didn't have to, I knew they would do well. They made excellent use of the time given to practise and when the real test came, stayed calm and focused. It was clear that they had practised hard and their effort was really paying off. The final round was struck, and from now until the results, all our team could do was wait.

To pass the time until the results, we went back to St Helen, Stonegate and finally got a go at the mini ring, which was very good fun and was a nice way to relax. After more drinks and cakes, the staff rounded all the teams up to go to St Michael Le Belfry church near the Minster, to read the results.

Inside the church, the tension grew more and more as the judges gave each team their feedback. We had to wait to the end because we were the last of the sixteen teams to ring, so we couldn't have been more surprised to find that we were not given too many criticisms, and later we also found that we had scored an A grade along with one other team.

We were amazed to find out that in the end our team were the winners by a tiny amount. When the results were announced we were incredibly excited and so were the adults who came with us!

It was a fabulous experience, we enjoyed the whole day and next year I'm hoping I'll be in the main team for the competition at Worcester.

Caroline Pawley, aged 12, team reserve

Caroline submitted this report to the RWNYP write-up competition and was one of three runners up. Well done Caroline! The report was published in The Ringing World, 9 August 2013.



The Bedfordshire Young Ringers Team at York. From left to right: Alice Scott (treble), Clarrie Scott (2), Natalie Brett (7), Samantha Brett (3), Anne Hoxey (tenor), Cameron White-Spunner (5) Rebecca Smith (4) Lizzie Pawley (6)

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Obituaries

Judy Anderson (1936 - 2013)

Judy was born Judith Marjorie Allard on 12 July 1936 in Westcliff-on-Sea. She was educated at Westcliff High School for girls and then went on to qualify as a bacteriologist through evening classes at the London Hospital. She had a lovely voice and really enjoyed singing initially in the school choir and then joining the Leigh Operatic and Dramatic society where she met her future husband, Tom Anderson.



Seeking a home in which to start their married life near to their work, they came to view a house in Sharnbrook, near the church, on the 21 January 1967. We know it was that date because the tower records show a peal was rung on that day. Tom said that the bells were ringing throughout their viewing and, as a result, they very nearly decided not to buy! However, buy it they did and moved in after they were married at St Saviour's church in Westcliff-on-Sea on 1 April 1967.

I guess the seeds were sown as, within a few short weeks they accompanied a ringing colleague of Tom's along to the tower and started to learn under the leadership of Bunty Lovell.

Judy set high standards for herself, both in her professional career and also in her leisure activities. Joining Unilever Research Laboratories in 1966, she worked on developing rapid methods for identifying bacteria in food, gaining a patent for this work in 1992. Her published work is still referred to and is highly regarded today.

Judy's hobbies include many types of sport, both participating and watching. She played Hockey for Bedfordshire County and became one of the top six women croquet players in the country. She loved to watch cricket and was a frequent visitor to Lords and Trent Bridge.

Tom and Judy both became competent ringers and regular attendees on a Sunday, except when they were playing Croquet! Judy would conscientiously learn new methods, rarely make mistakes and could be quite critical if others did not match her expectations. Both Tom, when he was tower captain at Sharnbrook, and later I, were told in no uncertain terms when the ringing did not meet her high standards.

Judy was not a keen peal ringer, taking part in only 4, all at Sharnbrook.

She was, however, very proud of her first, which was rung by a Sunday service band and included two other first peelers and a first as conductor, rung to celebrate the centenary of the Bedfordshire Association.

She was happy ringing quarter peals though, ringing a total of 262, of which 249 were on the, then six, at Sharnbrook in a wide variety of methods, mainly for Sunday evening service. Two quarters in particular were important to Judy. In 1982 she rang one with Ted Duffield. Well known in

both ringing and croquet circles Ted had also been tower captain at Sharnbrook in the 1920's and was over 80 at the time. The other, in 1994 was the first of a previously un-rung method. In accordance with the rules, the band named the new method. With a desire to have a local connection and with the name Sharnbrook already used, the band decided on Yelow Delight. Yelow is the name of a green lane on the edge of the village. Judy's high standards and her ability to ring small bells accurately meant that she was the natural choice for the Treble for the Bedfordshire Association's striking contest. For those contests that we received a certificate, they indicate that Judy was invariably ringing the treble. Judy ceased to be an active member of the Sharnbrook band in 2001, when she first developed cancer. She did, however, remain a keen supporter (and critic) of the band right to the end. She always attended the tower AGM and would contribute to discussion in a very positive way. She also joined us on outings and the annual ringing holiday. In 2005, when the band decided to augment the bells from six to eight, Judy and Tom very generously donated a bell in memory of their parents. Both Judy and Tom's names are also on the bell and, whilst remembering their parents, it also provides us with a fitting reminder of Judy, her ringing ability and high standards, and also the support and friendship she gave to the local ringers.

Pat Albon

Shelagh Melville (1929 – 2013)

Shelagh Rosemary Melville (nee Collins) was born on 2 August 1929 in Kew near Richmond, Surrey, one of five children. The family moved to Burpham, near Guildford, when Shelagh was a child. She attended the Grammar School (Guildford High) where she excelled, and went on to gain a BSc in Mathematics from London University followed by a Post Graduate Education Certificate at Leeds. In later life Shelagh was a member of MENSA and a formidable contestant, in the Channel 4 quiz show, Countdown.

Shelagh's family worshipped at St Nicholas Church, Guildford; a church with an Anglo Catholic tradition, and this no doubt forged the basis for her deep Christian faith and love of the church. It was here that along with her sister Monica she learned to ring, taught by Charlie Hazelden.

Shelagh's first employment was with the Civil Service, at the Telephone Manager's Office in Hanley, North Staffordshire. She lived and rang at Wolstanton, also regularly attending practices at Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke on Trent. At Wolstanton Shelagh first met and rang with Julie and Ewart Edge, who were founding members of the Universities Association, and this presumably resulted in her introduction to Malcolm, who was also a founding UA member.

While living in North Staffordshire Shelagh rang her first peal, Plain Bob Minor at Keele for the Coronation, on 2 June 1953. (Coincidentally,

Shelagh's sister Monica also rang her first peal on the same day; Grandsire Triples at Egham, Surrey). Just six days later, Shelagh rang her first handbell peal at Hartshill Stoke on Trent, also Plain Bob Minor.

From Staffordshire, in 1956 Shelagh moved to Kettering, taking a teaching post in Maths at Kettering Technical College. She served as the Kettering Branch Secretary for three years, also being elected to the Central Council to represent the Peterborough Diocesan Guild from 1963 to 1966. In 1964 Shelagh was elected Master of the PDG and I understand she was the first lady to hold such a post in a Diocesan Guild.

It was during her time at Kettering that Shelagh rang her first peal for the Bedfordshire Association and of London Major; at Felmersham on 12 September 1959. She also conducted her first peal, Plain Bob Minor at Corby on 21 April 1961. Many ringers will remember with some affection, the assertive and very deliberate voice she often used when conducting. Shelagh's next move was in 1965 to Kings Lynn where she took a teaching post at Kings Lynn Technical College. Malcolm was also teaching in Kings Lynn at this time, and it may have been a reason for her moving there.

Shelagh rang and worshipped at St Margaret, Kings Lynn, and held various posts in the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Shelagh and Malcolm were married at St Paul's Bedford on 9 August 1969. They made their home at 45 Beverley Crescent where they lived for the whole of their married lives, and where Shelagh continued to live until she was taken into hospital just a couple of months before her death.

On moving to Bedford, Shelagh secured a teaching post in Maths and Physics, at what was then Mander College. Her arrival in Bedford occurred at a time when, under Stephen Ivin's leadership, the Sunday Service ringing at St Paul's was at its peak, and it was around this time that Shelagh did most of her more advanced ringing. Shelagh and Malcolm contributed financially when the bells were augmented to twelve in 1978, and Shelagh rang in many of the early twelve bell peals including the first; Grandsire Cinques on 12 March 1978, followed by Stedman Cinques on 10 April, Cambridge Maximus on 15 May, and Bristol Maximus on 28 December.

Shelagh was however, first and foremost a Sunday Service ringer, and she remained very loyal to the band at St Paul's through times good and not so good, until sadly failing health made climbing the stairs too difficult.

As many will know, Shelagh also had a great passion for ringing at new and different towers, and it was in this context that I have my earliest and perhaps fondest memories of her. She had an impressive record – at that time in the early 70s I believe she had already rung at 4000 or more towers, although she never quite managed to catch up with Malcolm!

Shelagh was an excellent teacher, and even as a youngster, I always found conversation with her to be challenging and engaging. Travelling with her to meetings and outings was invariably an enjoyable experience; she knew very well how to encourage and motivate young people. In later years she presented the Melville Cup to the Bedfordshire Association in memory of



Sheila presenting the Melville Cup for the first time in 2008

Malcolm, thereby establishing the annual inter district ringing competition for young ringers. This, as well as the young ringers that are encouraged by it, will remain a very fitting tribute to their memories for many years.

Shelagh was a kind and generous person. She would always be pleased to meet you and engage in conversation, and she would invariably greet you with that almost mischievous smile – we all know it – as if to say, what have you been up to; and of course she was genuinely interested to know.

Over many years she cared for her elderly mother, who towards the end of her life was physically impaired and required considerable assistance. Shelagh was of course devoted to Malcolm and she also cared dutifully and lovingly for him during his final and more difficult years. She was a regular contributor to Bell Repair Funds and various other charities.

Shelagh's kindness, generosity, and her passion for ringing were unquestionably rooted in her Christian faith. She regularly attended the services at St Paul's until she was taken into hospital, and in more recent years she also found friendship at St Mary's Goldington where she attended the Wednesday morning communion services.

This tribute to Shelagh would not be complete without a few ringing statistics. She rang a total of 499 peals, just missing her 500th, her last being Cambridge Surprise Minor at Arlesey on 17 November 2001. 195 of her peals were rung for the Bedfordshire Association (far more than for any other society) and 127 of them were at St Pau's Bedford (her leading tower by some margin). She conducted 19 of her peals in a range of methods including peals of Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal. These were rung during the early eighties when Shelagh was a keen participant in a Bedfordshire all ladies band who rung several peals together.

Shelagh was a proud member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths with 60 years membership. Elected on 17 Jan 1953 she rang 8 peals for the Society, all except one at Bedfordshire towers.

Our last meeting was in Bedford hospital, one Sunday evening, when Shelagh was clearly very weak. As we talked, a broad smile came across her face – I think we all know it well – as she said in her typically pragmatic and unassuming way "They didn't really tell me anything, but I think I can read between the lines and work it out, so I suppose that'll be it". She was at peace and to the very end her usual cheerful self. She was indeed a wonderful lady. We thank God for giving her to us and the time that she spent amongst us. May she rest in peace.

Stephen Stanford

(This is a shortened version of the tribute Steve gave at Shelagh's funeral. The full tribute is on the Association's website.)

Anne Izzard (1932 – 2013)

Anne Izzard (née Smith) passed away on 25 December aged 81 at Annandale Lodge Nursing Home, Bedford.

Anne was born in the Bedfordshire village of Chellington in 1932 and following her education firstly at the village school in Carlton and later at the Dame Alice Harpur School Bedford, she went on to become one of the first women police constables in Bedfordshire and the first policewoman in Kempston, where she walked the beat alone, armed only with her whistle.



Anne's interest in ringing began shortly after her family moved to Kempston in the late 1940s. Choir member and assistant organist, to reach the organ loft Anne passed through the ringing room where she was frequently delayed by the younger male members of the local band. It will never be known for certain whether it was the charm of bell ringing or of a certain young ringer that led Anne to learn to ring but a romance between Anne and Cliff soon developed into a deep and lasting love.

Ringing featured strongly in their courtship as they, with the Bedfordshire Young Ringers, covered miles by bicycle visiting towers across the country from Gloucestershire to Essex, staying in Youth Hostels, which in those days were pretty basic. Anne and Cliff were married at Kempston in June 1956. Anne remained a regular Sunday service ringer at Kempston for over 50 years until sadly ill health prevented her active involvement. Anne was elected to the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers in January 1951 and became Bedford District Secretary in 1974, a post she held until 1981, organising meetings, 'official' ringer's teas and impromptu suppers at her home in Box End, Kempston.

She also played a key role in the rehanging of the bells at Kempston and augmentation to ten. Anne organised many fund-raising events including numerous stalls on Bedford Market selling home-made bread, jams and cakes and fed and motivated the volunteer labour force. With Cliff she also re-established the Kempston Ringing Outing which with good ringing, excellent teas and singing on the coach became a much anticipated event in the local calendar.

Anne rang her first peal at Harrold in 1954, one of only a few peals which didn't feature Cliff, he being away in the RAF at the time. Her second peal was not until 20 years later, Anne being busy in the intervening years raising three daughters. Anne rang 100 peals including 17 first peals, evidence of her encouragement of younger ringers. Her peal records provide a personal history, the majority having been rung to mark national events or milestones for family and friends; births, marriages, christenings and farewells. The majority were rung in Bedfordshire, including 33 at Kempston, others further afield including Loughborough Bell Foundry, Wimborne Minster, Inverary

and numerous towers in Suffolk and Oxfordshire.

Anne was very proud to have rung her 100th peal at Kempston in 2000 to celebrate the Queen Mother's centenary.

Anne's funeral was held at Kempston on the 8 January and as she left the church and was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery, a well struck touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by friends on the unmuffled bells.

Cliff and family would like to thank the many friends who attended the service and rang for Anne and would like to express their sincere appreciation for the many messages of sympathy received.

Helen Manktelow and Gill Moore

Brian (Dick) Crisp (1926 - 2103)

Dick Crisp, who passed away early on Christmas morning at the age of 87 years, was a Member of the band of bell ringers at St. Owen's Church for more than twenty-five years. Until recent ill health prevented him from ascending the spiral staircase to the ringing room, he rang regularly for services, weddings, took part in outings and supported the activities of the Association.



Brian Leslie Crisp was born in Bedford on the 14 April 1926, the younger son of Margaret and Leslie Crisp, his father being the Landlord of The Globe Public House in Queen's Park. His elder brother, Peter, was well known for his appearances in local dramatic presentations.

Towards the end of the second world war, Dick was conscripted into the Army and served with the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in North Africa: he subsequently maintained his connections with the regiment, being a Member of their Old Comrades' division. Family holidays took place for a time at Folkestone where the regiment held their annual camp.

On demobilisation from the Army at the end of the war, Dick gained employment in the Surveyor's Department of Kempston Urban District Council where he studied part time with a view to obtaining membership of the Institute of Building Control Officers: this was subsequently merged with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. In seeking promotion, Dick subsequently held appointments in local government service in Corby and Chelmsford before returning to Bedford, living in George Street. The family worshipped at Goldington Church where Dick was taught to ring at St Mary's by the then tower captain, Jim Edwards, in the late fifties. With a growing family, another move was inevitable and this time it was back to Queen's Park. After a break of several years, he was persuaded to resume bell ringing again and he joined the band at Bromham where he rang a number of quarter peals.

Dick had many other interests apart from campanology: in his younger years he played rugby football and was a ballroom dancer. Latterly, he supported Bedford Proboscis Club, Bedford Dickensians, Bedford Bowls' Club,

the Retirement Centre where he learned culinary skills, the Philharmonic Society and Bedford Civil Engineering Society. He was a courteous, thoughtful and kind gentleman who had faith in God and worshipped at Biddenham Church, the village in which he lived for the last 25 years of his life.

He married Betty Edna Parrott at All Saints' Church, Queen's Park in 1954 who passed away in 1994: he met her at one of the Saturday evening dances held in the ballroom to the rear of the restaurant managed by Messrs. Dudeney and Johnston in the High Street (The Dujon). His two daughters, Barbara and Yvonne, and his son, also Brian, as well as several grandchildren survive him.

Derek Hammond

Robert P Wood (1953 - 2013)

Robert (affectionately known as Bob or Woody) dies of a heart attack on New Year's Eve while delivering books to Putnoe library in Bedford where he worked for the library service. His untimely death, aged just 60, was completely unexpected and came as a great shock to his family and friends. He rang in what transpired to be his last peal, at Campton, just three days before his death, and his final ringing was an unsuccessful quarter peal attempt at St Andrews's Bedford on the previous evening.



Robert was born on 13 October 1953 in Bedford to May and Cyril Wood. Sadly Robert's mother passed away when he was just four years old, but his father was remarried, to Sylvia, and so Robert became one of an extended family of six. They all enjoyed a happy and industrious childhood at 2 Moor Lane, which, I recall, was a hive of fun and activity.

I first met Robert while still at primary school; we were both members of the choir at Elstow Abbey. In those days, the fee for ringing the bells at weddings was ten shillings compared to that for singing in the choir which was only one and sixpence, and so, along with his elder brother Richard and a number of the other choristers, Robert soon found his way into the bell tower, where he was taught to ring by the late Bob Huckle and Martyn Marriott. It was not too long before I joined him in the tower, and then also the 15th Beds Scout Group; and so was cemented a lifelong and much valued friendship of approaching 50 years.

As a teenager Robert was passionate about bells and ringing and this was often our main topic of conversation along the way. We cycled to bell ringing practices most nights of the week, rushing home in the evenings to get homework done so that we could do so. Saturday afternoons, especially in the summer, were often spent singing in the choir and ringing for weddings here – there were several most Saturdays, sometimes as many as four, this

being financially quite lucrative. Afterwards Robert and I would often go over to the phone box that stood across the road by the bridge, to phone various ringers who might be persuaded to take us to any ringing meetings that were taking place in the area. Other times we made our way to Bedford and took a bus to whatever village the ringing was at, usually without much idea about the return bus times or how we would get home. We assumed that one of the adult ringers would bring us back, and mostly they did. So it was that by our mid teens, Robert and I had rung at most of the Bedfordshire churches with bells – about 80 in all. We also rang further afield, joining the various coach outings organised by local towers – the Kempston, Bromham, Goldington and Maulden outings were all favourites, so too the half term tower grabs organised by Malcolm and Shelagh Melville and Alan Collins. By this time Robert was showing signs of being a very capable ringer, and largely as a result of this, we managed to negotiate our way into the band at St Paul's Bedford. In those days St Paul's was the Mecca of ringing in Bedfordshire and the surrounding area, with arguably some of the best Sunday service ringing in the country. It was not a place where many dared to cross the threshold – and certainly not the place where a couple of inexperienced young lads from a six bell tower down the road should show up uninvited on a Sunday morning!

Keith Fleming, one of the former Bedford ringers, in his tribute to Robert, recalled a conversation that I had long since forgotten; He said "I remember overhearing a three way conversation between Woody, yourself and Stephen Ivin when you two were sounding out Steve as to the possibility of your joining the Bedford band back in the late 60s/early 70s. Typically Steve insisted that your first priority was to Sunday service ringing at Elstow and not to abandon the band there, just to get better ringing opportunities elsewhere!"

It occurs to me that Steve probably did not know Robert very well at this stage, because Robert's sense of loyalty was such that it would never have occurred to him to abandon the ringing here. And indeed, he did not. For five or six years, until I went away to college and Robert's enthusiasm switched from ringing to running (more of which later), we cycled into Bedford on a Sunday morning and then dashed back to ring at Elstow, thus maintaining our loyalty to both places, and of course getting more ringing. Robert's ringing achievements of this period, between 1968 when he rang his first peal at Elstow, and 1978 when he gave up ringing, are impressive by any standard, especially for someone of his age. His peals include many of London Major (including eight peals in a week in Leicestershire), London Royal (two versions), and Bristol Royal; all methods that at that time were considered to be complex, and they were not frequently rung to peals. He was also a member of the youngest band to have rung a peal for the Bedfordshire Association, at Elstow in October 1973.

Personally, I regard Robert as one of the best ringers to have originated from Bedfordshire in recent times. Not only was he very capable of learning

and memorising methods and ringing them for long periods without error, he also possessed an excellent musical ear and sense of rhythm. He had a rare ability to lift and improve an otherwise mediocre piece of ringing, and to bring others along with him. This he achieved, not in the more common and somewhat coarse manner of setting his own relentless rhythm and expecting others to go along with it, but more sensitively, with slight, almost unnoticeable, adjustments – a stretched backstroke here, or a quick handstroke there, strategically placed to improve the overall effect and encourage others into the right place. Moreover he could do this from anywhere in the circle – he did not need to be ringing one of the heavier bells.

In this regard I have often considered how Robert's approach in ringing was a reflection of his approach to life. He was not the strong forceful up front leader; rather the quiet unassuming contributor that instinctively knew what was needed, and could make the difference. And indeed he always did. On leaving Pilgrim Grammar School with a respectable collection of O levels, Robert joined the Great Ouse River Authority (based in Kimbolton Avenue) as a surveyor's assistant, attending evening classes at what was then Mander College. He enjoyed the work, much of which was outside, and I think he knew the location of every benchmark in the county from memory, but after 4 or 5 years Robert decided that this was not a job for life, and he moved to the Post Office and became a postman, eventually acquiring a HGV licence and a driving job. His next and final move was in 1978 to what was then the Bedfordshire County Council library service, a position he retained in various guises until his untimely death.

By about 1977, Robert's interest in ringing had waned; the departure of several ringing friends from the area possibly being a contributory factor. This was a time when he made several changes in his life; changing jobs to join the library service, acquiring his flat in Chaucer Road, and in the early 80s he joined the Bedford and County Athletic Club and took up running, becoming almost as dedicated to this as he had formerly been to ringing. In addition to regular weekly running, Robert participated in a number of marathons and half marathons, both locally and further afield. These included the London Marathon which he ran a number of times, and marathons in the USA, France and Holland. He could run a marathon in a very creditable time of 3 hours or less – interestingly, about the same time as it takes to achieve a full peal of 5040 changes on a ring of bells!

Unfortunately I was unable to obtain a record of Robert's running achievements, but he possessed a collection of 89 medals that he won for the marathons and half-marathons, in which he participated, a tremendous achievement that was unknown to his family and friends until after his death. And so it was that he made what for many of us was a very welcome return to ringing, rejoining the band at St Paul's Bedford. Here, from a ringing perspective at least, he probably didn't find too much of interest, and he later joined the band at All Saints Kempston, where for a short while he ably

served as Ringing Master. After ringing at Kempston, and on route to visit Sylvia at Moor Lane, he also regularly supported the Sunday morning ringing here at Elstow, often completing the band of six and enabling us to ring something better and more interesting. It is at such times and in such places he will be so sorely missed, the spare rope and just five bells ringing on the Sunday morning following his death being a poignant reminder of his untimely passing, and a cause for reflection.

Robert served as Ringing Master of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association and organised its annual striking competition on a number of occasions. Such positions of responsibility were not something that Robert particularly relished or found easy, he seldom if ever considered himself ahead of others, and would only take such roles in the knowledge that there was no one else willing or capable. In accepting, he was selflessly putting the needs and wishes of others before his own inhibitions. Notwithstanding this, he was invariably the best person for the job and always took the responsibility seriously and performed his duties admirably, as ever, making his contribution.

Robert rang a total of 225 peals, 165 of them for the Bedfordshire Association. He conducted just four. Although very capable, I think his preference was to avoid conducting, a task that was somewhat conflicting with his quiet and thoughtful personality. His first peal was at Elstow (in 2 methods on 29 October 1968) and his last at Campton, just three days before he died on 28 December 2013. Robert's leading peal towers were Bedford St Paul (29) followed by Henlow (18) and Elstow (16), although he rang peals in towers all over the country. His peals were with 305 different ringers, including Anthony Smith (110), Stephen Ivin (67), and myself (59) and in 101 different towers. For someone who took a 30 year break from ringing, this is quite an achievement.

So although we say our farewells to Robert, with considerable sadness, we do so with thanks for the privilege of having shared and enjoyed a part of our lives with him. We shall undoubtedly miss the kind and thoughtful son, brother, uncle and family friend who was always there when needed. We shall miss the cheerful colleague happily delivering books to the library. We shall miss the steady almost infallible peal ringer, and the bell that no longer rings on a Sunday morning. And we shall miss the once fit and athletic man that made running marathons appear easy. May he rest in peace.

Stephen Stanford

(This is a shortened version of the tribute Steve gave at Robert's funeral. The full tribute is on the Association's website.)

Points from the Peals

No member rang their first peal in 2013.

Members who rang 10 or more peals

Anthony H Smith	22	Robert P Wood	12
Charlotte M Smith	18	John P Loveless	10
Richard A Horne	12		

Members who conducted more than one peal

Anthony H Smith	13	John P Loveless	3
Richard I Allton	3		

Towers where more than one peal was rung			
Campton	10	Southill	3
Henlow	3	Bedford St Paul	2

Methods rung						
Doubles 1	Minor 9	Triples 1	Major 20	Caters 1	Cinques 1	
7 methods 1	7 Surprise 4	Stedman 1	Bristol 3	Grandsire 1	Grandsire 1	
	7 Methods 2		London 3			
	23 Surprise 1		23 Spliced S 2			
	3 Methods 1		Cambridge 2			
	Cambridge 1		Superlative 2			
			7 Spliced S 1			
			8 Spliced S 2			
			Henlow D 1			
			Lessness 1			
			Lincolnshire 1			
			Yorkshire 2			

Please note: for those keeping records, peals 3741 to 4084 should be renumbered as 3742 to 4085, due to a numbering error in 2005

Peals 2013

Peal no. 4086 including 66 on handbells

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St Mary

Sun Jan 13 2h47 (9cwt)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23 methods: 224 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire; 160 com, atw)

Comp: N Smith

- 1 Linda M Garton (C)
- 2 D Graham Hall
- 3 Philippa M Whittington
- 4 Mary E Hall
- 5 Michael J Trimm
- 6 Frank W Rivett
- 7 Richard I Allton
- 8 John P Loveless

65th birthday compliment to Philippa Whittington.

4087

CAMPTON, All Saints

Mon Jan 14 2h38

5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin (No.14)

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 E Jane Sibson
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Derek E Sibson
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 John P Loveless (C)

4088

HAYNES, St Mary

Thur Jan 17 2h30

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Barbara Beard
- 3 Susan J Melvin (C)
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Frank W Rivett

To celebrate the life of Brian Shepley. First surprise as conductor and 20th peal: 3.

4089

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sat Jan 26 2h41

5152 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: A J Cox

- 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Richard A Horne
- 4 Linda M Garton
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Stephen H Stanford
- 7 Patrick J S Albon
- 8 John P Loveless (C)

Specially arranged as a Diamond Wedding anniversary compliment to Sir Stanley and Lady Odell of Hill Farm,

Campton. Stan was Patron of Campton Bells Appeal 2004-7. He and Grace are great supporters of ringing in Campton and donated the third of the new ring.

4090

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Sat Feb 2 2h52

5040 Surprise Minor

(23 methods in 7 extents: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Rossendale, Annabe's London (3) Lightfoot, Netherseale (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull (6) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (7) Norwich)

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Margaret Whiteley
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Martin J Whiteley
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 John P Loveless

In memory of Roger Bailey.

The arrangement of these extents is as called by Roger on 3rd March 1965, when it was the most Minor methods to a peal by the ULSCR.

4091

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sun Feb 3 2h42

5120 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: S Read

- 1 Simon Read (C)
- 2 Linda M Garton
- 3 D Graham Hall
- 4 Mary E Hall
- 5 A John Stanworth
- 6 John P Loveless
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Nicholas D Brown

Remembering Roger Bailey, a generous supporter of Campton Bells Appeal 2004-7. RIP.

200th peal: 8.

4092

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sun Feb 17 2h41

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: T B Worsley

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Sarah M Green
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 John P Loveless
- 6 Alan M Shepherd
- 7 Roy V Webb
- 8 J Richard Castledine

A birthday peal for Roy Webb, who was 80 on 14th February.

4093

SHARNBROOK, St Peter

Sat Mar 9 2h45

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: A Craven

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Patrick J S Albon
- 3 Christine A Williams
- 4 Simon H Sweeney
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Richard A Horne
- 7 David Kemp (C)
- 8 Trevor W Groom

Rung for Sue Silver, President of the Association, on her birthday.

1st of Major: 4.

4094

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sun Apr 7 2h44

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23 mthods: 224 each Yorkshire, Uxbridge, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Bristol, Whalley, Watford, London, Tavistock, Glasgow, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lindum, Superlative, Wembley, Rutland, Jersey, Preston, Ipswich, Cray, Ashtead, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 160 com, atw)

Comp: N Smith

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 John P Loveless
- 3 George Unsworth
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Richard I Allton (C)
- 6 Margaret Whiteley
- 7 Andrew M Keech
- 8 Martin J Whiteley

Marking the baptism of Samuel Joshua White, son of Katie (former Campton ringer) and Daniel White, in this church earlier today.

4095

NORTHAMPTON, Northants, Holy Sepulchre

Mon Apr 22 2h48 (15cwt)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(7 Methods: 896 Cambridge; 768 each Brighton, Rutland; 672 each Adelaide, Superlative; 640 Bristol; 608 London; 135 com, atw)

Comp: R G Crosland

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Rosemary H Buckle
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Margaret Whiteley
- 6 Murray A Coleman
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Richard I Allton (C)

4096

HENLOW, St Mary

Sat Apr 27 2h50

5184 Henlow Delight Major

Comp: D F Morrison (No.352)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 David A Hope
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Phillip S George
- 6 J Richard Castledine
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

100th peal on these bells: 2.

4097

CLIFTON, All Saints

Sun May 5 2h48

5024 London Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin (No.44)

- 1 Philippa M Whittington
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 David Kemp
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Stephen H Stanford

4098

BEDFORD, St Andrew

Mon May 6 2h36

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(8 methods: 864 Rutland; 672 each London, Pudsey; 640 each Cambridge, Superlative; 608 Adelaide; 544 Brighton; 384 Bristol; 146 com, atw)

Comp: R G Crosland

- 1 Murray A Coleman
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Philippa M Whittington
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Margaret Whiteley
- 7 Martin J Whiteley
- 8 Richard I Allton (C)

200th together: 5 & 7.

4099

OMBERSLEY, Worcs, St Andrew

Mon May 27 3h6 (16cw)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods an extent each: Norwich, London, Surfleet, York, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)

- 1 Russell A Brown
 - 2 Robert P Wood
 - 3 Richard B Pullin
 - 4 Bernard H Taylor (C)
 - 5 Daniel Jones
 - 6 Nicholas D Brown
- In celebration of the life of Tudor P Edwards.

First peal on the bells for 24 years.

4100

BIGGLESWADE, St Andrew

Sat June 1 2h46

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Middleton's

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Kate J Scott
- 3 Alice T Scott
- 4 Yvonne E Humberstone
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Alan S Smith
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Philip R Jewell

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Alan rang the same bell to a peal on 2nd June 1953. Sheila Smith, who also rang in the 1953 peal, wishes to be associated with this peal.

First peal of Surprise: 4.

4101

CAMPTON, All Saints

Mon June 3 2h41

5056 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp: N D Brown

- 1 John P Loveless
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Barbara Beard
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Linda M Garton
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Nicholas D Brown

A 50th birthday peal for Chris Williams (30th May).

Sue Silver wishes to be associated with this peal.

4102

HENLOW, St Mary

Thur June 6 2h51

5040 Minor

(3 methods in 7 extents: (1,4,7) Single Oxford (2,5) Oxford TB (3,6) Plain B)

- 1 Roy V Webb
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 Philip R Jewell

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. A peal in these methods was rung in this tower on 6th June 1953.

4103

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon June 17 2h49

5040 Minor

(7 methods an extent each: London, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, Single Oxford, Plain B)

- 1 James R B Saunders
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Peter V Rogers
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Richard A Horne

4104

PETERBOROUGH, Cambs, St Mary

Sat Aug 10 2h44 (8cw)

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: R Baldwin

- 1 Judith M Rogers
- 2 Kate J Scott
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Alice T Scott
- 5 Martin Major
- 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 7 Robin H Rogers
- 8 Robert P Wood

4105

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Sat Aug 24 2h55

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods an extent each: Morpeth, Canterbury, Newcastle, London, Rossendale, Netherseale, Hexham)

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Phillip S George

With best wishes to James Eggleston for his "Big Bike Ride" from Lands End to John O'Groats, in support of the Biggleswade Bells Appeal.

4106

BEDFORD, St Paul

Sun Sept 8 3h18

5169 Grandshire Cinques

Comp: G R Hayward

- 1 Susan E Marsden
- 2 Graham R Hayward (C)
- 3 Michael R Crockett
- 4 Lyndsey B Brett
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Peter V Rogers
- 7 Colin Aked
- 8 James R B Saunders
- 9 Nicholas H Brett
- 10 William J Stungo
- 11 Benjamin D Kipling
- 12 Timothy F W Samson

Rung prior to Choral Evensong for the feast of St Birinus.

First in method: 2.

4107

SHILLINGTON, All Saints

Sat Sept 14 3h5

5040 Doubles

(1p/6m: 2 extents each Stedman, St Simon's; 4 extents St Martin's; 6 extents St Nicholas, Winchendon Pl, Rev Canterbury; 16 extents Plain B)

- 1 Simon H Sweeney
- 2 Susan E Marsden (C)
- 3 Peter V Rogers
- 4 James K Eggleston
- 5 Robert P Wood

Dedicated, at the request of the organiser, to the memory of Len England, real character, devotee of heavy rings generally and Tower Captain of East Pennard. RIP.

1st Doubles: 1.

4108

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sun Oct 13 2h41

5152 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: A J Cox

- 1 Martin J Whiteley
- 2 Margaret Whiteley
- 3 Linda M Garton
- 4 Rosalind J Keech
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Alan M Shepherd
- 7 Simon A Rudd (C)
- 8 Richard A Horne

50th birthday compliments to both Ros and Richard.

Remembering Rod Pipe.

Circled the tower: 1.

4109

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sun Oct 27 2h45

5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin (No. 12)

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Anthony H Smith
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Lyndsey B Brett
- 5 Alban D Forster
- 6 David Kemp
- 7 Nicholas B Brett
- 8 John P Loveless (C)

In memory of Shelagh R Melville of Bedford.

First in method: 4.

4110

BEDFORD, St Paul

Sun Nov 24 3h20

5021 Grandsire Caters

Comp: S J Ivin

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Rosemary H Buckle
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Vernon Green
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Anthony H Smith
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 David I Stanford
- 9 Robert P Wood
- 10 James R B Saunders

In fond memory and in thanksgiving for the life of Shelagh R Melville, who was a loyal member of this Association and of the band at this Church for 44 years. RIP.

4111

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire,

St Peter

Sat Nov 30 3h6 (21cwt)

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: A J Cox

- 1 Teresa J Brown
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Trevor W Groom
- 4 Emma J Southerington
- 5 David Kemp
- 6 Simon A Rudd
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Peter J Waterfield (C)

4112

ABBOTS BROMLEY, Staffs,

St Nicholas

Sat Nov 30 2h43 (11cwt)

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: N Smith

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Anne C Orme
- 4 Rev'd Brian Harris
- 5 J David Adams
- 6 Stuart C W Hutchieson
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 C Michael Orme

4113

SANDY, St Swithun

Sat Dec 7 2h45

5040 Minor

(7 methods an extent each: Cambridge S, Kent, Oxford TB, Double Oxford, St Clement's College, Single Oxford, Plain B)

- 1 Simon H Sweeney
- 2 James K Eggleston
- 3 Craig P Homewood
- 4 Peter V Rogers
- 5 Colin Aked
- 6 Robert P Wood (C)

Rung to welcome the new Rector, Revd Huw Davies.

4114

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sat Dec 14 2h35

5040 Stedman Triples

Comp: J Pladdys (No.14)

- 1 Alban D Forster (C)
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Robert P Wood
- 4 Stephen H Stanford
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Simon A Rudd
- 7 John P Loveless
- 8 Trevor W Groom

1,300th peal: 6.

4115

EVERSHOLT, St John the Baptist

Sunday Dec 22, 3h3

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods an extent each: Kelso, Cunecastre, London, Surfleet, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge)

- 1 Robert P Wood
- 2 Stephen H Stanford
- 3 Richard A Horne
- 4 Russell A Brown
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Nicholas D Brown (C)

For Christmas.

Nick's Birthday Treat.

4116

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sat Dec 28, 2h34

5088 Lessness Surprise Major

Comp: S Jenner

- 1 James K Eggleston
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Clive G Smith
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Christopher Forster
- 7 David Kemp
- 8 Trevor W Groom

4117

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Mon Dec 30, 2h54

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 Methods, an extent each of: Wells, Wearmouth, Munden, Chester, Berwick, Primrose and Durham)

- 1 Teresa J Brown
 - 2 Charlotte M Smith
 - 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
 - 4 Richard A Horne
 - 5 Russell A Brown
 - 6 Phillip S George
- Rung in memory of Anne Izzard.

Peal no. 4118 including 66 on handbells

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin

Mon Dec 30, 2h45

5056 Spliced Surprise Major

(In 8 methods: 768 each Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, Yorkshire; 576 each Cambridge, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 384 London; 141 com)

Comp: Marcus C W Sherwood

- 1 Roy V Webb
- 2 Jane K A Hough
- 3 J Richard Hough
- 4 D Graham Hall
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 J Richard Castledine (C)
- 8 Frank W Rivett

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Association protection guidelines, revised February 2012

These guidelines are for Tower Captains, Association Officers and those who teach, or help, children and vulnerable adults to ring. They're based on guidance issued by the St Albans Diocese and Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR). Child Protection rules define a 'child' as a person under the age of 18 (or anyone who has been assessed as having a mental age of under 18). At present there isn't a definition of 'vulnerable adult'. Until we have a definition, everyone should use their own judgement.

Sunday service ringing and individual tower practices are the responsibility of that church/parish; we strongly advise all ringers to check local arrangements and comply with them.

Everyone should take safeguarding matters seriously. This will ensure that:

- Children and vulnerable adults are protected from abuse.
- Adults working with children and vulnerable adults don't put themselves in compromising situations.
- The good name of the Association, and ringing in general, is protected.

We recommend that everyone involved with children and vulnerable adults in ringing (whether they're members or not) should:

- Always have at least two adults present (preferably a male and female) when children/vulnerable adults are present at tower, District or Association practices.
- Make parents/guardians responsible for taking children/vulnerable adults to and from the church.
- Keep an attendance register or record.
- Be aware of the insurance position for children/vulnerable adults.
- Never allow children/vulnerable adults up amongst the bells apart from an initial demonstration visit if it is safe to have one.
- Get written permission from parents/guardians before children/vulnerable adults are taken without them to Tower, District and Association meetings, training, outings and social functions or other towers' practices.
- Make sure parents/guardians have agreed transport arrangements for children/vulnerable adults travelling to and from ringing, meeting, or social activities away from the home tower.
- Never travel alone in a car with a child/vulnerable adult.
- Only hold child/vulnerable adult personal contact information with the permission of parents/guardians.

If you are a Tower Captain, or someone who works with children or vulnerable adults, you should also:

- Know the child protection/safeguarding policy of your church and the 'named person' to whom you should report concerns.

- Invite parents/guardians to a training session before teaching begins so that they're fully aware of what's involved.
- Ask parents/guardians to sign a registration form which gives their permission for the child/vulnerable adult to learn to ring (downloadable from our website www.bacr.co.uk).

The Association's Safeguarding Coordinator may contact parents/guardians to make sure they understand the Association's guidelines and their own responsibilities.

For more information see the child protection notes on the CCCBR website: www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship and guidance on the St Albans Diocese website: www.stalbans.anglican.org.

If you have any queries contact our Safeguarding Coordinator, Rosemary Drewery, email: safeguarding@bacr.co.uk, telephone: 07792 926004.

Data Protection – Information for members

The Data Protection Act 1998 provisions came into force on the 1st March 2000. The Association is exempt from registration under the Act but must still follow the principles of good data handling.

As an Association member, a parent/guardian of a member under 18 years old or a Tower Contact who is a non-member, you should be aware that personal information (including name, address, telephone number, email address, subscription payment record and peals rung for the Association) is held and maintained electronically and on paper records for use by nominated Association Officers (including District Officers).

Association and District Officers also hold email addresses, where members give specific permission, to communicate about Association and District events and activities.

Your personal data is only used for the legitimate purposes of the Association; we do not allow personal data to be used by others. You have the right to see the data we hold about you.

By joining the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers you agree to your name appearing in the Annual Report and, where relevant, on the Association's website, Association and District newsletter and other communications.

We do ask members and tower contacts (whether members or not), to give specific permission before other personal data, such as phone number, address and email address, is used in the Annual Report or on the Association's website.

Please help us to keep our records up to date by informing the Honorary Secretary and relevant District Secretary of any changes to your personal information.

Practice Nights

It is always advisable to check with a tower before visiting on a practice night; see the 'Towers and Members' section for details. Some towers practice only on certain weeks of the month and some towers alternate their practice with one or more other towers.

Only those towers who indicate that they hold a practice are listed here, many towers do not have a regular practice at all, some are by arrangement only.

	District		
	Bedford	Biggleswade	Luton
Monday	Bedford St Paul Riseley	Haynes Amphill	Barton Le Clay Kensworth Leighton Buzzard Shillington Silsoe Studham Tilsworth Westoning
Tuesday	Bromham Clapham Sharnbrook Thurleigh	Campton Cople Henlow Potton Willington	Linslade Luton Totternhoe
Wednesday	Colmworth Felmersham Goldington Kempston Keysoe	Biggleswade Blunham Eaton Socon Maulden Sandy Tempsford	Aspley Guise Dunstable Flitton Husborne Crawley Stanbridge
Thursday	Bedford St Andrew Bedford St Peter Biddenham Bletsoe Cardington Stagsden Stevington Upper Dean	Amphill Southill Stotfold	Caddington Cranfield Houghton Regis Woburn
Friday	Carlton Elstow Harrold Little Staughton Oakley Turvey	Arlesey Clifton Meppershall	Flitwick Toddington Whipsnade



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